



December 2016

BRASS OAK DRIVING SOCIETY



BODS CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 18 FROM 2:00 TO 6:00 P.M.

PASO ROBLES GOLF CLUB

All are invited to arrive at 2:00 p.m. to socialize, and our turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be served buffet style at 3:00 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.

Please let Gloria know the number in your party who plan to attend no later than December 9th. The price, including tax and tip, comes to \$26/person. Please send a check made out to Paso Robles Golf Club, along with your reservation form, to Gloria. The checks will be held until the day of the event.

Directions and reservation form are found on page 2. We hope to see you there!

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RESERVATION FORM FOR BODS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 18th, from 2:00-6:00 p.m.

Number in party: _____

\$26/person : \$ _____

Make check out to: Paso Robles Golf Club

Mail check to: Gloria Walter
6268 Hog Canyon Rd.
San Miguel, CA 93451

*****clip and save directions! *****

Directions to the Paso Robles Golf Club: From the South on Hwy. 101, take the Spring Street exit in Paso Robles. Turn right at the first signal, Niblick Road. Stay on Niblick Rd. to just past the Paso Robles High School. Turn right on Country Club Drive and continue to the end of the road (before the curve) and drive straight into the golf course parking lot. Total distance from Hwy. 101 is about 1 mile or less.

From the north, exit from Hwy. 101 onto Spring St. in Paso Robles. Turn right to Spring St., take a left on Spring St. all the way to Niblick Rd. Turn left there and follow the directions past the High School.

If you have any questions, please call Gloria at 805-467-9204 or 805-610-4966.

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

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A loving obituary was submitted by Linda Fairbanks on the passing of her beloved horse, John...

Baccarat's Aladdin aka John

1987-2016

John and his half brother Paul both came from a large Morgan farm near Sacramento and they were both rejects from the Park Horse training program at age three. I was looking for a pair and at that age they were hard to tell apart. By the fall of 1991 we were competing as a pair at the California Carriage Foundation (now defunct) Annual Show. In 1992 they won Turnout at the Monterey Springfest, then won the Pair Championship at the Santa Ynez Valley Carriage Classic. Paul had a late growth spurt and by the end of 1992 they were no longer a pair, which turned out to be a great blessing. With Paul as the wheeler and John in the lead, we began to compete as a tandem, going to the Arizona CDE in 1994 where we won our division by default, I think, as being the only turnout that qualified for "Tandem or Four" and by 1995, we happily returned to the Santa Ynez show in that rare configuration. In



1996 John won the Single Horse Championship at Santa Ynez. In the fall of that year, John had to move into the pulling position for D'Archangel CDE because Paul had cut his leg slightly a few days before the event. He won first in the Single Horse division and in 1995 the tandem won Best Intermediate Dressage at Arizona over a large field of quality intermediate turnouts. John and Paul continued competing in CDE's in California while at the same time teaching interested people how to drive a tandem.

Competition aside, John and Paul were easy to handle, obedient and brave, but their interpersonal relationship was a little complex. John was supremely confident in himself and his ability to handle any task. In fact, he felt that Paul was unnecessary and a drag. Paul, for his part, believed the trash talk from John and needed special support from me to build up his ego.



It was surprising to me that drivers in Holland knew of them as a tandem, because we were competing cross country in a four-wheeled carriage, which was not the case in Europe. It was wonderful to be able to trust them enough to have many off-road adventures and come out of it safely. I still think four wheels is just as safe as two for a tandem. I plan to write more of these true stories before I become senile.

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Bill Long, while driving them at a clinic, told me they were the best tandem in America and that was because they were each so good at their individual job. Paul was strong, light on the bit and obedient. John was a brave show-off who was completely obedient to voice commands and would go anywhere he was pointed. I am thankful that he was also light on the bit.

Paul did not like water, but with his head down and very little forward visibility, he often found himself galloping into water before he realized it. It made me laugh to try to interpret the bad horse-language he would give then. John seemed to enjoy it as a prank on his brother. They were both excellent trail horses and particularly enjoyed Montana de Oro. They both also have many driving lessons to beginners as singles. As you can tell, it is hard for me to speak of just one of them. Paul died of colic in 2009 and John mourned for him.

They saw me through the tough time in my life and taught me the folly of ambition in sport and the heartache pride can bring. Now I mourn for both of them and thank them for the good times they gave many people, but I especially thank them for the spiritual growth they gave to this arrogant human being.

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Members: Liz Miller, Gloria Walter, Diane Kastama, Ann McClure, Disa Thorensen, Jackie Pamplona, Else Wolff, Lilla Hewitt, and Stephanie Szabo

President Lilla Hewitt called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes – The minutes from the October 17th meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report – Gloria presented the Treasurer's Report prepared by Shaun Wilde, on file. Shaun had delivered the Treasurer's records earlier tonight to be passed on to the newly elected Treasurer. The members thanked Shaun for her help this past year.

Old Business –

Board Member Nominations – Motion was made by Diane Kastama, seconded by Ann McClure, and unanimously carried, that our nominated slate of officers for 2017 be approved as follows: President Lilla Hewitt, Vice President Judith Baron, Secretary Gloria Walter, Members at Large Jackie Pamplona, Debra Hilberg, and Stephanie Szabo. Since no nomination for Treasurer was received, this position still needs to be filled and it was suggested we contact club members to find someone willing to serve.

BODS Monthly Newsletter - Although not a Board position, members expressed their gratitude to Kathy LaChaine for publishing an excellent newsletter each month and we are so pleased she can continue this very important publication.

BODS Website - It was noted that the club needs a volunteer to keep our website updated. Lilla stated that her husband, Aleks, is experienced in working on websites and she will ask that he take on this important responsibility. Keeping the website up-to-date with our newsletters and calendar of events being published is a much needed service.

New Business –

Club Meeting Day – It had been suggested we consider changing our meeting day from the third Monday to the third Wednesday of each month. After discussion and comments, a motion made by Jackie Pamplona, seconded by Disa Thorensen, and unanimously carried, to approve this meeting day change effective January 2017.

2017 BODS Dues – Dues are \$35 for individual/family memberships with newsletters sent by email and \$50 for membership with newsletters sent by U.S. mail. Make check out to BODS & mail to: Gloria Walter, 6268 Hog Canyon Rd., San Miguel, CA 93451.

Calendar of Club Events –

November 26 – Parkfield Drive – Lilla advised we are still scheduled for the Turkey Trot Drive on Saturday, weather permitting. Lilla returned checks to those members who had signed up for the drive in October that was cancelled and stated that attendees can pay when they arrive for this event on Saturday. It was noted that the \$250 check written to the Parkfield Rodeo Grounds for our 'cancelled' drive has been cashed but we have a credit with them for our next event.

December – Club Christmas Party – After checking out several venues, Gloria reported that we have reserved the banquet room at the Paso Robles Golf Club for Sunday, December 18th, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. for our annual holiday party. A complete turkey dinner will be served around 3:00 p.m. buffet style. The cost per dinner, including tax and tip, is \$26. Information re making reservations will be sent out shortly.

Gloria requested we approve the fee of \$200 for the use of the room. Motion was made by Jackie, seconded by Liz, and approved unanimously, approving this expenditure.

Other Events – 2017—see calendar on last page.

Announcements/Reports

October 22 – Ann reported that the lessons with Jean Charles from Santa Ynez went very well and noted he would be willing to offer lessons at Ann's more often, either during the week or on weekends. Please let Ann know if you would like to schedule lessons.

November 5-6 – Claystation HDT in Wilton – Diane attended and gave a brief report.

November 19-20 – Ann reported that they had a full schedule of ridden and driven dressage lessons with David Ventura, even with some rain on Sunday.

Next Meeting – Scheduled for Wednesday, January 18th at IHOP Restaurant in SLO. Dinner at 6pm; meeting starts at 7pm.

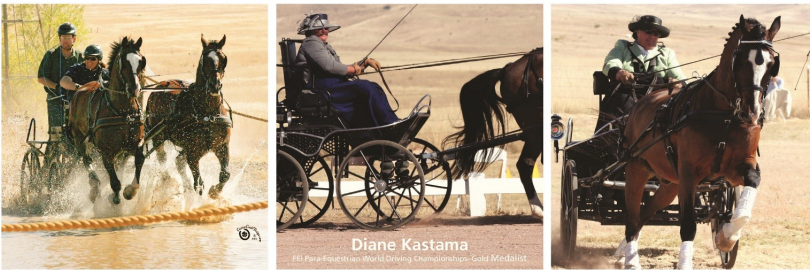
Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Walter, Secretary

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS – BODS – 2016



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

December 18 — BODS Christmas Party

Jan21-22 Clinic with David Ventura at Ann's

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.

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\$35 membership with newsletter via email

\$50 membership with newsletter via USPS

NAME(S):

STREET ADDRESS:

CITY, STATE, ZIP:

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TELEPHONE(S):

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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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

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

June 3-4 – Pleasure Days, Lakeview Terrace, CA www.whiprsnappers.com

Pacific Region ADS calendar: http://www.americandrivingsociety.org/regn_pacific.asp