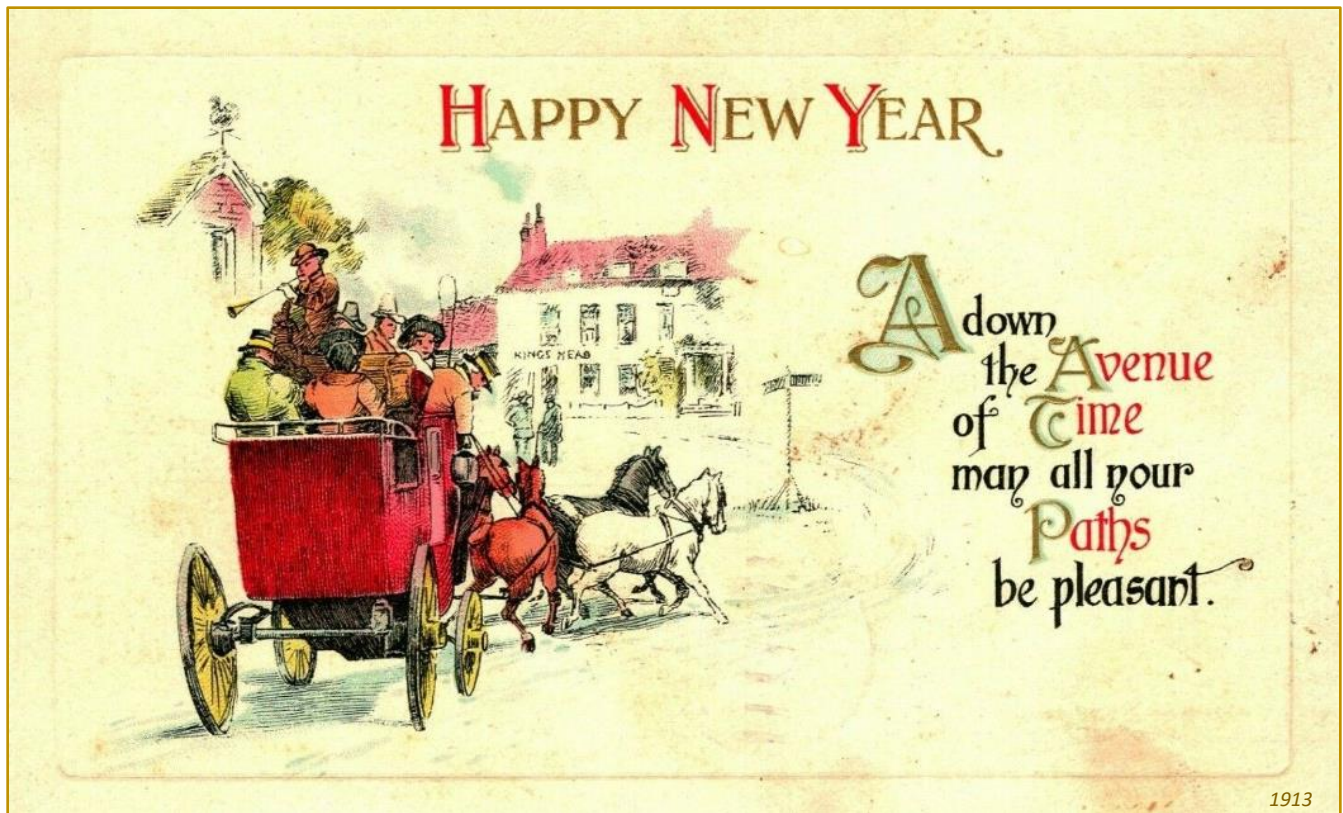




# Brass Oak Driving Society

January 2023



A Happy New Year to all our members! We hope everyone rode out the storms safely so far. Perhaps we will be blessed with some spectacular wildflower displays this spring!

As we start off a new year, hoping for increased opportunities to get together with our equines, our wonderful board is (re)introducing themselves in the hopes that all our new and vintage members will come out and join the fun!

*Welcome to New Member:*

*Janine Newby from San Luis Obispo*

Time to renew!

See Page 8 for  
membership renewal  
information!

Hello club members,

My name is Lilla Hewitt and I am the 2023 BODS President. This makes the fourth time that I have held the position in the (almost) 10 years that I have been involved in the club. I continue to live on my family's 123-year-old cattle ranch in Parkfield and use my Morgan (which was a gift from my grandmother-in-law) to



push cows and drive. I have had 'Jacopo' since he was a few months old, and he is now about 13. When he was three and four, I taught him to ride and drive because he is very agreeable and prefers to walk or stand still. We have participated in many club events as well as some Horse Driving Trials at Clay Station Horse Park. In 2020, I bought a small pony to keep Jacopo company while he is on monitored feeding (typical Morgan). I named him 'Concho' because he is so small and pretty. He is very different in personality than Jacopo, and so I sent him to a trainer this past summer. In September, he came home, and I have really enjoyed getting to know him as a driving pony. So many club members have contributed to my education, both when I started and even now. I look forward to seeing you all in the coming year.

Hi,

My name is Disa Thorensen and I am your Vice President this year. I have been driving approximately 15 years and love the sound of clip clop hooves 😊. I have a 22-year-old Welsh Cob who I drive; in the past I have also ridden dressage. I also have an 11-hand pony, Billy the Kid, who is currently learning to drive.

I am looking forward to driving together in the year ahead, and to all the fun seeing the different breeds and turnouts!



## 2023 Board

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## BODS Beginner Clinic Series

January 28 and February 25, 2023

Location: Ann McClure's, 235 Cimarron, Arroyo Grande, CA

Instructors: Diane Kastama and Ann McClure

Rain or shine

Free for members. \$10 for nonmembers. RSVP – limited space available!

- Hands-on demo from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
- Driving at will in afternoon.
- Bring your equine and harness to have the fit checked and adjusted.
- Get help with ground driving your horse/pony.

**Jan. 28** - intro to harness / hitching – what each part of the harness does.

**Feb. 25** - how to ground drive, introducing your horse to what is needed for driving.

**RSVP: Contact Diane Kastama** [dkastama@verizon.net](mailto:dkastama@verizon.net) 805-458-2428.



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BRASS OAK DRIVING  
SOCIETY PRESENTS

# LOVE OF EQUINES

*Overlook Driving Center  
Creston, CA February 11th, 11:00-2:00*

## Super Reinsmanship Test #1

Reverse Psychology Obstacles	Pick Your Route Obstacles
Your Route/My Route Obstacles	Fault and Out Obstacles

R.S.V.P. AND QUESTIONS  
LILLATHOMASON@GMAIL.COM  
FREE FOR CLUB MEMBERS. \$10.00 PER TURN OUT  
FOR NON-CLUB MEMBERS.

★★★ SURVEY RESULTS ★★★

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WHAT DO YOU DRIVE? **1 MULE, 5 HORSE, 2 PONY, 4 SMALL PONY, 3 VSE**

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WHAT KIND OF ACTIVITIES WOULD YOU LIKE THE CLUB TO OFFER?

★ **7 TRAIL, 7 SPEED EVENTS, 5 DRESSAGE, 7 CLINIC, 4 LESSONS, 9 DRIVE AT WILL**★

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WHAT DAYS WORK BEST? WEEKENDS ONLY SLIGHTLY OUTNUMBERED THE WEEKDAYS	DO YOU NEED HELP/WILLING TO HELP? A FEW PEOPLE WOULD LIKE HELP AND MANY MORE ARE WILLING TO HELP
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10 MEMBERS RESPONDED



### Have an Idea?

Anyone can organize an event or activity!  
Simply write out your idea and send it to a board member for board approval. Include what is requested of the club (insurance, seed money, etc.). We can help hash out the details Questions? Please reach out!

### December 27, 2022, Brass Oak Driving Society Meeting Minutes

Members present: Disa, Lilla, Ann, Diane, Elsa, Jackie

Guests: Janine, Lynn, Carolyn, Jackie, and Elsa's boys

Call to Order: 1:45

Treasurer Report: not at this time

#### New Business:

Membership dues: discussion about lowering dues but no action taken.

Questionnaire: Lilla would like to send out a survey to members to see what/if they have a driving animal, what they may need help with, and what kind of events they are looking for. Jackie 1<sup>st</sup>, Diane 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.

Central Coast Arabian Association: Back in October someone suggested that the CCAA may be interested in including open driving classes at their show(s). Lilla will contact the person to find out more information.

Election of New Officers: Lilla H.– President, Disa T.– Vice President, Gloria W. – Secretary, Diane K., At Large: Nikki R., Stephane S., Katey V.

*Submitted by Lilla Hewitt*



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Newsletter Advertising –

Advertising of horse/driving related items/services is free for BODS members.

Non-members may advertise in one month's issue for free.

Contact Kathy or Gloria for more information or to run an ad.

# 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.

**2023 Dues are Due!  
Please Renew!**

Please mail to:  
Gloria Walter  
6268 Hog Canyon Rd.  
San Miguel, CA 93451

\$35 membership with newsletter via email

\$50 membership with newsletter via USPS

NAME(S):
STREET ADDRESS:
CITY, STATE, ZIP:
Email:
TELEPHONE(S):

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: Contact venues for current information.**

- February 18 ADT Prep Clinic, Lake View Terrace, CA.  
Contact Marc DiLeo 760-403-3201, friesianfire@gmail.com
- March 18 Whip'r Snappers Shamrock ADT, Phelan, CA.  
Contact Veronica Campbell, show secretary, t.v.campbell@verizon.net
- April 29 & 30 Claystation Horse Park HDT, Wilton, CA.  
Contact claystationhorsepark@frontier.net
- June 17 & 18 Summer Festival CDE, Claystation Horse Park, Wilton, CA.  
Contact claystationhorsepark@frontier.net
- October 6 – 8 CA Fall Classic CDE, Claystation Horse Park, Wilton, CA.  
Contact claystationhorsepark@frontier.net
- October 28 & 29 Halloween HDT, Claystation Horse Park, Wilton, CA.  
Contact claystationhorsepark@frontier.net

Pamela Miller-Mitchell is our Pacific Region ADS representative.  
Pamela can be reached at 818-899-0211 or pam.hei@verizon.net

**Next Meeting:**  
**TBD**



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.