



May 2017

BRASS OAK DRIVING SOCIETY

Spring is shaping up to be a beautiful and busy driving season!

The 6 week cones series started the last week of April and it has helped to bring in new members and has 20 people registered to drive. The first week's course was well received and the perfect way to introduce some drivers to cones driving and others to practice for the CDE season ahead.

Other club events are being planned which include a drive and lunch at Cass Winery (date to be determined), a Derby style obstacle at the fun Memorial Day drive at Twin Rivers on May 28, and a trailer safety and backing clinic on June 3.

Regional events are also happening all around us, including the first Horse Driving Trial of the year at Clay Station (which happened the last weekend of April), the Super Clinic also at Clay Station, driving derbies at Sargent's, and the Pleasure Driving Show June 3 and 4th at Hansen Dam Equestrian Center in Sylmar.

Get out there and enjoy the weather and your equines before things get hot.

~Lilla



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.

www.brassoakdriving.com



Elvis the wedding host

We received an email several months ago from a stranger who was getting married in April and wanted to have a donkey in attendance for her reception, as a 'greeter who carried the wine and champagne bottles'. Since we had actually done this once before, we agreed and made the arrangements to travel north of Merced to a remote lodge near a lake. We took our Elvis with his pack saddle and silver show halter. He was certainly puzzled as to why he was getting a bath (first time in years) and heading out first thing in the morning. It was a 4-hour trip but we were there in plenty of time. After the wedding ceremony, the guests walked to the reception area where Elvis stood all decked out in flowers and his panniers filled with goodies.

The guests were very surprised to see a donkey and everyone posed to take a photo with him and help themselves to the treats he carried. Elvis was very good natured about it all, although looked a little bored. It was a lot of fun and it was great to see the reactions of the guests, including a number of children, when they saw a 'wedding burro'.

Gloria



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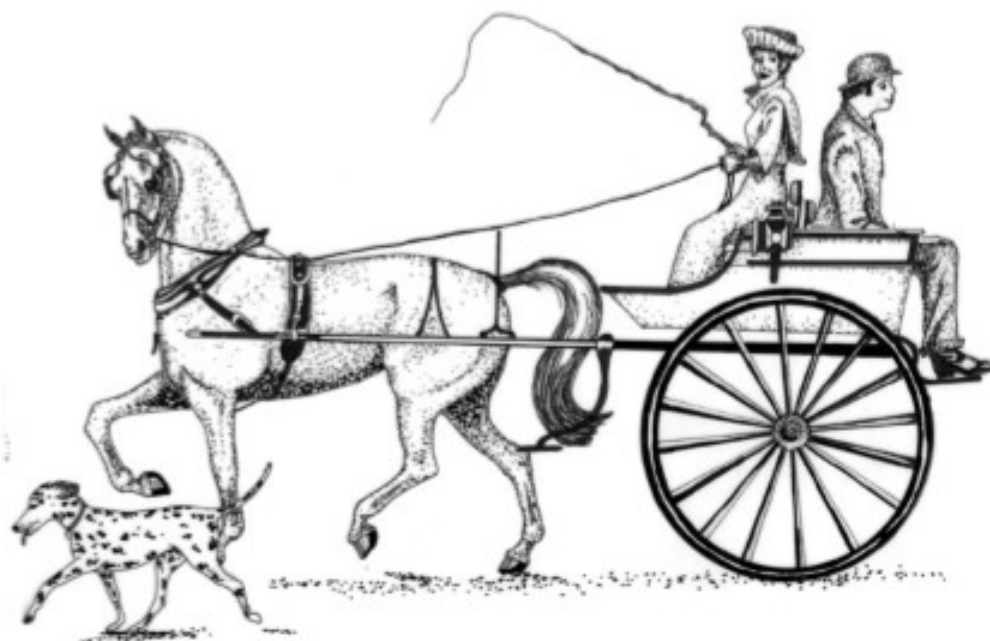
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13th Annual Pleasure Days Carriage Driving Show Prize List

June 3 & 4, 2017

Entries Open May 1, 2017

Pre-entries Close May 27, 2015 postmark



Pleasure Days

www.pleasuredays.org

Hansen Dam Equestrian Center
11127 Orcas Avenue
Sylmar, California 91342

An American Driving Society Recognized Event

Golden China, Atascadero April 19, 2017

Members: Liz Miller, Gloria Walter, Ann McClure, Disa Thorensen, Lilla & Aleks Hewitt, Debra Hilberg, Stephanie Szabo, Kay & Larry Weeks.

President Lilla Hewitt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes – The minutes from the March 15th meeting were approved as presented.

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

Old Business –

March 11-12 – Festival of Driving, Arizona Driving & Carriage Society – A thank-you letter was received from Peter Atonna on behalf of ADCS in appreciation of our sponsorship.

New Business –

Club Jackets – Kay suggested we consider getting matching club jackets with our official logo and presented samples from several catalogs. She is set up to do the embroidery for a nominal fee. Club members thought this would be a good idea and look very nice wearing these at club events. Several members stayed after the meeting to review the types and materials of jackets that would be suitable. This will be reported on at the next meeting.

Driving Derby at Ann's – This could be combined with a Buddy Buggy Days. A suggested date was July 2nd. The event will need a Coordinator.

Cass Winery Drive – Kay checked with the winery and reported that there would be a restriction of only 4 vehicles (truck and trailer combo) due to space constraints and that a drive would need to be scheduled during the week as they are booked on weekends. Attendees would have a choice of lunches at the venue. Kay and Gloria will visit the site to check on the terrain for driving and report back.

Possible Meeting Day Change – Due to the difficulty in reserving meeting rooms on Wednesdays, it was suggested we may want to go back to our Monday night meetings. It was felt we should stick with the third Wednesday of the month and check out other venues, i.e. Margie's Restaurant in SLO that has a meeting room.

Calendar of Club Events –

April 8 – Hats & Wildflowers Drive in Parkfield – was cancelled due to rain.

April 25 for 6 weeks – Cones Course competition at Overlook – Linda had distributed flyers and sign-up sheets for the proposed six-week cones practice event over a regulation course, with the course changing every week. Volunteers are needed every Monday to help set up the new course. It was noted that this is for BODS members only. Those interested in entering can join the club beforehand. Scores will be tallied and a special award given to the winner at the end of the six-week competition.

Lilla and Aleks reported we now have a club Facebook page and we will show this event on Facebook to spread the word and will also note other events and information about the club.

May 27-28 – Memorial Day Drive at Twin Rivers – Stephanie reported we would be setting up the course on May 27th and will drive on May 28th. She will check on the fee for Twin Rivers

June 3 – Trailering clinic at Fairbanks' Overlook Driving Center - A retired CHP officer and professional hauler will review state laws on trailering and ways to maneuver your trailer safely. Six to eight people can bring their rigs; anyone can attend. No fee will be charged by the clinician or Overlook; only our \$55/event insurance fee. We can provide a deli tray, bread and drinks for lunch at cost. A flyer and sign-up sheet will be posted in the newsletter.

November – Turkey Trot Drive in Parkfield – To be finalized later. Lilla commented, however, that any club member who would like to drive at Parkfield is welcome to do so anytime.

Minutes continued next page.....

Other Driving Events –

May 4-7 – Super Clinic, Clay Station

June 3-4 – Whip R Snappers Pleasure Days, Lakeview Terrace, CA. Dressage classes will also be held at this event. BODS plans to sponsor classes for this event.

July – Dressage Festival – Whip R Snappers has not set a specific date in July. It will be held either at Jody Cutler's or in Santa Paula. BODS will sponsor classes.

September 28-Oct. 1 – Shady Oaks CDE

Announcements/Reports

March 16 – Twin Rivers Memorial Drive for Pat Johnson - Stephanie reported we had a nice turnout with 3 drivers and several other members who attended. Andrea of Twin Rivers came by to comment she was glad we were enjoying the facility for driving.

Next Meeting –

The next meeting will also be at the Golden China Restaurant on May 17th. We will then continue our North/South rotation to Margie's Restaurant in SLO in June.

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Gloria Walter, Secretary



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Cones Series 2017 Weekly Results

Week 1						
	587 METERS					
NAME	HORSE	CONES PENALTIES	DISOBEDIENCE	TIME	TOTAL PENALTIES	PLACING
Training VSE	Time Allowed 3:40					
Bryce Baker	Kachina	0	0	2:12	0	1
Shaun Hester	Ciroc	0	0	2:13	0	2
Natalle Cohen	Dino	0	0	2:42	0	3
Nikki Ryan	Star	0	0	3:15	0	4
Natalle Cohen	Andi	0	6	2:41	6	5
Nancy Schmidt	Valentino	6	0	3:03	6	6
Rachel Nolan	Shadow	6	20	2:32	26	7
Regina Arons	Golden	E			E	E
Training Horse/Pony	Time Allowed 3:16					
Liz Miller	Biscuit	6	0	3:48	19	2
Kay Weeks	Kaloo	0	0	6:43	103.5	3
Disa Thorensen	Fjola					
Lilla Thomason	Jacopo	3	0	3:01	3	1
Preliminary VSE	Time Allowed 3:16					
Stephanie Szabo	Buddy	3	0	2:51	3	2
Linda Fairbanks	Jonathan	3	0	2:39	3	1
Preliminary Horse/Pony	Time Allowed 2:56					
Jill Beebe	Timothy					
Diane Kastama	Cavalier	6	0	3:16	16	4
Ell Decker	Romey & Moe	3	0	2:31	3	3
Cathy Rippe	Ted	0	0	3:16	0	2
Jackie Pamplona					E	E
Ann McClure	Mark	0	0	2:41	0	1



BRASS OAK DRIVING SOCIETY 2017 CONES SERIES REGISTRATION FORM

A Timed Obstacles practice series to be held on six consecutive weeks beginning Tuesday, April 25 and concluding on June 4. You may drive the course at your convenience any day of the week except Monday. To arrange your drive time, call or e-mail Linda at 805-237-8476, lkfairbanks@gmail.com. The location is Overlook Driving Center, in Paso Robles.

Bring your own assistant if you need one. Paddocks are available if you want to bring more than one horse or pony. Good warm-up area is available, but the course itself is closed until you are ready to drive it for time. You will be given a walkie-talkie to call for the timer/judge to come score your cones drive. You may drive the course again after your official go.

Courses may include water crossing and/or a bridge. Courses will use ADS regulations. A turnout consists of horse/pony, driver and carriage. Any change constitutes a new turnout. Registration fee is \$35.00 for the entire series for each turnout you enter. Make checks payable to Brass Oak Driving Society. Open to Brass Oak members only. You may join on the first day you drive the series, if necessary. Annual dues are \$35.00.

Send this form to: Linda Fairbanks, 7755 Feenstra Rd., Paso Robles, CA 93446

Call 237-8476 or e-mail lkfairbanks@gmail.com if you need driving directions to the site.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

_____ check one: horse ☐ pony ☐ VSE ☐
E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

HORSE OR PONY NAME _____ WHEEL MEASUREMENT (if known) _____

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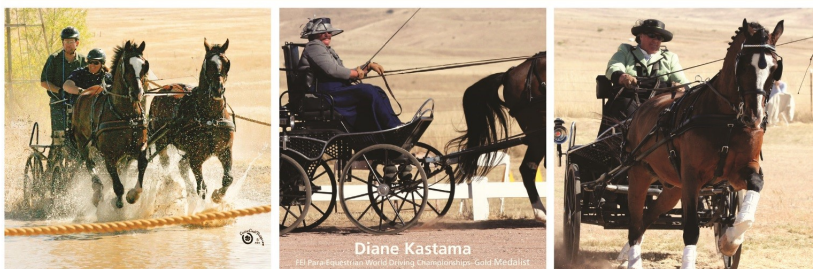
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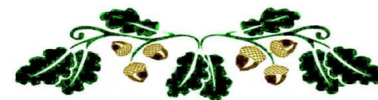
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS – BODS – 2017



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

May 28th Twin Rivers Drive (see minutes)

June 3 Trailing clinic at Fairbanks' Overlook Driving Center (see newsletter)

Nov—Parkfield Turkey Trot Drive (details tba)

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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Driving Events around the region:

June 3-4 – Pleasure Days, Hansen Dam Eq. Ctr.

www.pleasuredays.org

PD will include dressage classes this year.

July TBD Dressage Festival www.whiprsnappers.com

Sept 28-Oct 1 Shady Oaks CDE www.shadyoaksevents.com

Oct 28 Halloween Hustle www.whiprsnappers.com

Pacific Region ADS calendar:

http://www.americandrivingsociety.org/regn_pacific.asp

Next meeting Wednesday, May 17h At Golden China in Atascadero

6pm no host dinner, 7pm meeting

Diane, Eli, and
Cavalier driving to
a score of 39 on
their Preliminary
Dressage test at
Clay Station HDT

