

Apparently, me scheduling a drive in Parkfield, is equivalent to doing a "rain dance". At least this year we had warning and were able to call it off before getting wet! It did rain but not nearly as much as last year and a few club members came out to enjoy the venders.

The same weekend I was also waiting for my dog to have her puppies. But she "decided" to wait until Monday afternoon, to start having them, which was also the clubs meeting day. Thankfully Judith was able to step in and take over the meeting while I "supervised" my momma dog. After 14 hours we had 9 puppies but lost one that night and another Tuesday evening, but the other 7 are happy, fat, little puppies!

I've decided to reschedule the Parkfield drive into two separate one day drives. One day will be November 26, and the other will be scheduled next Spring.

Ann set up an (almost) last minute clinic on the weekend of the 22nd with Jean Charles, from Santa Ynez, who had been working with her young mare. As it worked out, I had an all day field trip (that I drove the bus for) to Guadalupe. Gloria was going to go to audit the clinic and was able to swing by the school and pick me up. That was a lot more fun then hanging out inside a bus for 5 hours! I really enjoyed listing to Jean's commentary and found him very approachable and friendly. I even got a short lesson with Elsa's sweet Arabian pony!

The club is still looking for a Treasurer. Please consider taking the position as that's what makes a club a club. ~Lilla

Nominations and voting on new Board is scheduled for

the Nov. meeting. WE STILL NEED A TREASURER!

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## Parkfield Drive rescheduling:

With the cancellation of the Parkfield Reunion drive last month, I think the best way to reschedule is to make it two separate days instead of an overnight... One day this Fall and another day in the Spring.

The fall drive will be November - Saturday the 26th.

Cost will be \$35 for the day. Staging will be at the rodeo grounds where I hope to set up an arena type obstacle. There will be a 2K (about) track around my family's farming field next to Parkfield and our Ranch Road will be available to drive. To access the Ranch Road, we will have to drive about 3/4 of a mile on the County road. Much of the road shoulder is quite wide, with little traffic, but there is a bridge that will have to be crossed.

I will return everyone's checks that were for the October drive. Payment will be collected on the day of the rescheduled drive. Please make checks out to B.O.D.S.

Thank you to everyone for working with me on rescheduled date ideas.

Lilla

## Meeting Day Change being considered... call for input

At the last meeting, it was suggested we consider changing our meeting day from the 3rd <u>Monday</u> of the month to the 3rd <u>Wednesday</u> of the month. The reason is that some members compete at a number of shows on weekends throughout the year and it is difficult for them to get home in time or be ready for a meeting the next day. Also, several members belong to the Dressage Club and they have their meetings on the 3rd Monday as well. Changing our date would allow members to attend each club meeting.

We would like your thoughts on this proposed change. If it is amenable to those of you who do attend regularly, we will approve the change effective January 2017. We appreciate any input you have. You can email me or any Board Member.

Thanks.

Gloria

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#### **BRASS OAK DRIVING SOCIETY MINUTES**

Atascadero Library October 17, 2016

Members: Debra Hilberg, Liz Miller, Gloria Walter, Diane Kastama, Ann McClure, Disa Thorensen, Jackie Pamplona, Judith Baron, and Stephanie Szabo

In the absence of President Lilla Hewitt, Vice President Judith Baron called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

*Minutes* – The minutes from the September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as presented.

*Treasurer's Report* – Gloria presented the Treasurer's Report prepared by Shaun Wilde, on file. An email from Shaun was read to the members that she will continue the Treasurer's duties until November 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. It was noted that Gloria will need to have the club's checkbook to pay clinicians scheduled in November.

#### Old Business -

<u>Dressage Festival 2017</u> – A member inquired as to the status of the club having a Dressage Festival at the PRHP next year. It had been decided, and so noted in the September meeting minutes, that we would not host it in 2017 but may consider it for 2018. In the meantime, Whip R Snappers will host in 2017. Diane noted she had presented projected income and expenses and that it did not seem economically feasible. In addition, there were no volunteers as Event Organizer and the idea of a paid Organizer was not well received by some members.

#### New Business –

<u>Club Meeting Day</u> – It was mentioned that Lilla had previously suggested we consider changing our meeting day from the third Monday of the month to the third Wednesday of the month. Since several members compete at shows on weekends, it is sometimes difficult to make a meeting the day after returning. Also, the local Dressage Club has their meetings on a Monday and some members belong to both clubs. It was decided that we should poll the members for their input and make any changes in January 2017.

<u>Board Member Nominations</u> – It was noted that several existing Board members have agreed to run for 2017: Lilla as President; Judith as Vice President; Gloria as Secretary; Members at Large – Jackie Pamplona, Debra Hilberg and Stephanie will run. We need nominations for Treasurer ASAP – voting will take place at the November meeting.

2017 BODS Dues – Our dues are currently \$35 for individual/family memberships with newsletters sent by email and \$50 for membership with newsletters sent by U.S. mail. Gloria reported what it costs to run copies and postage to mail three newsletters each month. It was suggested we run B/W copies, back to back, to save costs. This will be done with the November newsletter.

#### Calendar of Club Events -

October 15-16 – Parkfield Drive – The event was cancelled due to threat of rain. Lilla had reported that the Parkfield Hotel was booked each weekend during the month of November so the event was not rescheduled at this time.

<u>November 19-20</u> – David Ventura is scheduled to give ridden and driven dressage lessons at Ann McClure's. Lessons are \$90 and \$20 to audit. A \$5.00 fee per person will go to the club. Ann reported there are 11 or 12 lessons scheduled and there is room for a few more. You can mail checks to Ann. Saturday night will be a potluck dinner.

<u>December</u> – Club Christmas Party – Several ideas were presented, including contacting several wineries to inquire about using their event rooms and checking with different restaurants. Judith, Stephanie and others will research and report back to Gloria.

#### Other Events – (please see list at end of newsletter)

#### Announcements/Reports

Both the October 8-9 Pleasure Show in Wilton and the October 15-16 ADS Meeting in Quincy were cancelled.

#### Next Meeting -

November 21 – IHOP Restaurant. Dinner at 6:00 p.m.; meeting at 7:00 p.m.

#### BOARD NOMINATIONS AND VOTING FOR 2017 SCHEDULED

#### Adjournment -

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Walter, Secretary

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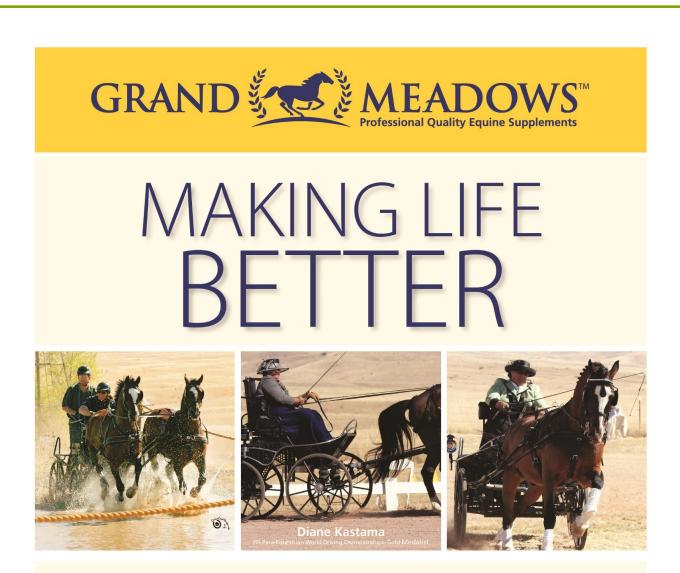
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## Brass Oak Driving Society Membership Form

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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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

## Save the Date! Annual Brass Oak Christmas Party Dec 18th 2-6pm

Join us at the Paso Robles Country Club Golf Course on Sunday, December 18th for a traditional turkey meal with all the trimmings served buffet style. We have a lovely banquet room reserved overlooking the golf course. Iced tea, water and coffee is included and there is a full bar in the lounge. We have the room for 4 hours so there will be plenty of time for us to enjoy our meal and then have our white elephant gift exchange. Tables will have linens and centerpieces, each seating 8 people. We can add our own decorations to make it 'horsey' if we like. The price per person is \$20.00. With added tip and tax, the total is \$25.92 each. We have access to a television to show videos also. Details are being finalized and a flyer will be sent out with further information. We will need to have a count of who plans to attend by the first week in December. Members and guests are welcome to join in the festivities.

Our November meeting will be at IHOP in SLO. 6:00 no host dinner, 7pm meeting Monday, November 21st