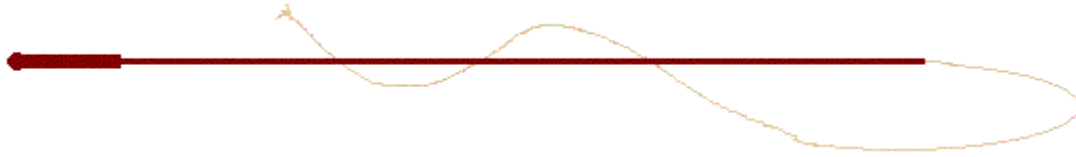




August 2016

BRASS OAK DRIVING SOCIETY



David Ventura Clinic reports:

The David Ventura lessons were a huge success. David really got to work. He wound up giving 23 lessons. To accommodate that we also had lessons Friday afternoon and Monday morning. The sound systems worked well and we used both the ones from South County and North County so we were able to keep the batteries charged. 4 of the lessons were ridden. Liz was generous and let Kelly Moore take a lesson with Biscuit. Originally Kelly had only planned on auditing but got into the spirit of things. She usually drives a mule. Joan Macomber beat the traffic and came up from Long Beach with her draft cross. Stephanie came with Buddy her mini so all aspects of driving were addressed. The weather was delightful. People from North County were looking for jackets.

Ann McClure

I was so happy when Ann announced that she would be hosting lessons with David Ventura at her place in Arroyo Grande. For one, I have only ever had one lesson with a trainer and I want to improve my driving and horse. Secondly, it got me out of the heat of the north county. And thirdly, I got to take a day off the Mid State Fair, where I had been helping the 4-H beef project kids all week.

My lesson wasn't until the afternoon but I was able to see (almost) everyone's in the morning. I really liked how the driver/rider and Mr. Ventura were mic'd and that we, watching, could hear the conversation on the speaker.

Then it was my turn. After some (to be expected) comments on Jacopo's waist line, and me getting the Audio headset on the right way, David climbed up beside me and around we went.

Our main focus for the lesson was contact/straightness. Both from me on how to ask and Jacopo to know that he could still move forward when I asked. We both had our 'good' side and 'harder' side to coordinate, and to go from my ranching background where I think is "contact" and where Drivers know is "contact" are very different.

The exercises made Jacopo work his body differently then what we usually do at home and I think that he thought I had lost my mind! At the beginning, it took ALOT of encouragement to keep him going but as we went on, with David's instruction, Jacopo started to be more game for it. The 45 minutes flew by and before I knew it we had finished the lesson and Jacopo's mouth had even foamed a little from acceptance.

I few days later I got to practice what we had worked on, and while I would benefit from knowledgeable eyes watching us, I think that I was able to successfully work on parts of it at home. The "test" will be this weekend (the 6th) when I do the Clay Station HDT.

Lilla

Report from the Road

By Lilla

At the beginning of July my Husband, Aleks and I took some time to continue on our quest of (eventually) hiking the 2600 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail. Our plan was to take about 18 days to hike 210 miles in Northern California. About 9 days, and 130 miles in to it we were battling hurting feet from our 15 to 18 mile days. Had we had a few days to rest I think that we could have continued but we had a deadline to be back to "the real world".

This left us with about 6 days left of our vacation but we weren't quite ready to return home. Because of social media, I had learned that Diane and 'Spencer' were going to the Inavale CDE in Central Oregon, "only" 8 hours from where we were. So we turned our backpack trip into a car camping trip and headed to Oregon!

After taking the day to sight see at Crater Lake, we made camp at Inavale with the competitors. We missed Dressage but were there to volunteer for Marathon Saturday. After getting our 'CDE at Inavale' volunteer t-shirt we took our positions at water obstacles 2 and 5 which were side by side. The route to obstacle 5 cut across the spectator corridor and our job was to make sure that no pedestrians were on course when a competitor came through. This is where we first got to see Diane.

The CDE provided shirts, snacks, lunch, and soft sided insulated grocery bags with "The CDE at Inavale 2016" printed on the side to the volunteers. The course designer and officials were very nice and would come by and see how we were doing. We also got to help the course designer put Obstacle 2 back together a few times!

After an evening of enjoying the competitors dinner and awards, where they handed out black elimination ribbons along with the winning ribbons, we retired to our tent and woke the next morning for the cones competition.

While the 20ish VSE competitors ran their cones, Aleks and I helped Diane start to pack her truck and trailer. At about 2:00 she got to have her turn and then we finished up packing her truck for the trip home (well, she took a very "scenic" route home). And Aleks and I headed south for home.

I was kind of sad not to reach our backpacking goal of 210 miles, but we did get 130 miles in AND got to combine it with a road trip, helping at another driving event, and cheering for one of our own.

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CARRIAGE DRIVING CLINIC FOR BEGINNERS

With Harry Councill



At 235 Cimarron Way, Arroyo Grande,
on Saturday and Sunday, September 3rd and 4th, 2016

Clinic will start at 9:00 a.m. and end at approximately 4:00
p.m. each day

RSVP and reservations required by Friday, August 26th.
Call Kay or Larry at (408) 612-6325 or
Gloria at (805) 467-9204

Bring a packed lunch and beverages.

Harry is an experienced driving trainer and has worked for many years with beginning drivers. He is friendly and low-key and his main focus is to help you become comfortable working with your animal. You can check his website at: claymoreclydesdales.com

Saturday's morning session will include group discussion on the topics shown below. Saturday afternoon will include driving a horse individually or in a group setting. If requested, private lessons will be given by Harry on Sunday. You can sign up for the Sunday lessons on Saturday.

TOPICS

- Safety around the Driven Horse
- Techniques for rein handling including hands on practice
- Principles of harnessing both singles and pairs
- Information on breeds of horses and types of driving
- Discussion and Demonstration on lunging and ground driving as pre-training for the driving horse

FEES:

- \$30/day to audit or participate in the clinic
- \$50.00 for a private lesson on Sunday



ADS PACIFIC REGION WEEKEND – OCTOBER 15-16, 2016
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NAME FOR BADGE: _____

COMPLETE REGISTRATION PACKAGE CLOSING DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

Includes all programs, clinics, play day on Saturday and recreation/instructional drive on Sunday; 5 meals including breakfast, lunch, dinner on Saturday, October 15 and breakfast and lunch on Sunday, October 16, 2016. Plus showing of Caravan movie on Saturday night.

Complete Package Cost: \$60.00 \$ _____

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Total: \$ _____

Saturday Night Dinner & Movie Only: \$35.00 \$ _____

For more information contact Veronica @ 562-431-7264 or t.v.campbell@verizon.net

Mail Registration with check to:

Veronica Campbell

1100 Stevely Ave.

Long Beach, CA 90815

BRASS OAK DRIVING SOCIETY MINUTES

IHOP Restaurant, SLO

July 25, 2016

Members: Debra Hilberg, Lilla Hewitt, Liz Miller, Gloria Walter, Larry and Kay Weeks, Ann McClure, Disa Thorensen, Diane Kastama, Else Wolff, Judith Baron, Jackie Pamplona

President Lilla Hewitt called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes – The minutes from the June 20th meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report – Gloria presented the current balance report as prepared by Shaun, on file.

Old Business –

Dressage Festival – Some preliminary inquiries were made re the possibility of having a Dressage Festival in 2017. Stephanie Szabo obtained information from the Paso Robles Horse Park on available dates: April 8-9, 22-23, 29-30. Cost would be \$3,575 for the weekend; stalls at \$25/day and RV parking at \$25/day. Deb Hilberg will contact several people who may be interested in being paid to manage the show, working with a club committee to handle details. Lilla stated that her husband had offered to be the Volunteer Coordinator for the show. Diane was asked if she would be willing to act as Show Manager, with Kathy LaChaine as Show Secretary. Both positions would be paid by the club, specific amount and duties to be determined. We would need to know when the Pleasure Days show will be scheduled since Kathy has been Secretary for that event as well. Diane will consider being Show Manager and we need to ask Kathy if she would be available as Show Secretary.

New Business –

September 3-4 - Clinic with Harry Councill – Kay Weeks reported that we had had a meeting with Harry Councill (from Gilroy) to discuss details for the clinic. An agenda has been worked up for Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon, continuing on into Sunday with private lessons. There is a possibility the clinic could continue into Monday if attendees request private lessons on that day. A flyer showing the details and clinic fees will be prepared and distributed via email and posted in local feed and tack stores. Final details for the site preparation, camping accommodations, trailer parking, and food availability are being worked on.

Calendar of Club Events –

August 6 – Buddy Buggy Days – McClure's, Arroyo Grande

September 3-4 – Clinic with Harry Councill, Ann McClure's, Arroyo Grande

October 15-16 – Parkfield Drive. Lilla urged people to get their hotel reservations as soon as possible with a 2-night minimum stay. A flyer with details will be published in the August newsletter.

Other Events –

August 7-9 – Ventura County Fair Draft & Carriage Show

August 25-28 – Sergeant's CDE

September 15-18 – Shady Oaks CDE, Lodi, CA

October 15-16 – ADS Pacific Regional Meeting, Quincy, CA

October 29 – Halloween Hustle, Oakrun Farm, Moorpark

Announcements/Reports

.BODS Website – Shaun had reported that Kathy LaChaine is the new site manager for our website.

Inovale CDE – in Corvallis, Oregon - Diane attended and reported it was an excellent setting and show.

Next Meeting –

August 15

Adjournment –

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Walter

Secretary



For sale
Dressage Saddle with stirrups and fittings
Klimke-Miller, 18 1/2" seat Black, Very good
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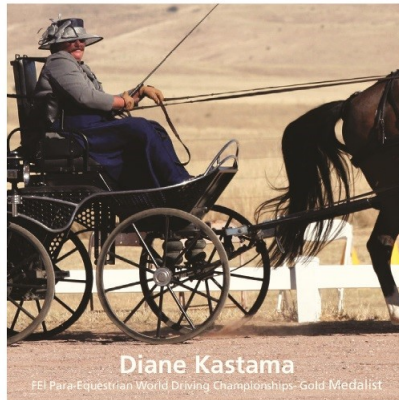
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Please pass the word or give her a call for more information.

Gloria

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – BODS –
2016



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

August 6 – Buddy Buggy Days, Ann McClure's, Arroyo Grande

Sept 3-4 — Clinic with Harry Cuncell, AG (see flyer pg 3)

October 15-16 – Parkfield Drive

December TBA — BODS Christmas Party

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 calendar year beginning January 1, 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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\$35.00 membership with newsletter via email

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Name(s):	
Address:	
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Check here not to be included on the club roster. The roster is distributed to members only.

Advertising Rates

CLASSIFIEDS (3 issues): Members no charge. Non-members: \$5.00 with a maximum of 25 words for three issues.

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Driving Events around the region:

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<https://www.facebook.com/venturactyfair/posts/10152877465601630>

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



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Call Gloria at 805-467-9204



**Our August meeting will be at the Atascadero Library.
You can arrive between 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and the meeting will
start at 7:00 p.m
Monday, August 15th.**