



September 2016

BRASS OAK DRIVING SOCIETY

Driving Clinic for Beginners presented by Harry Councill of Gilroy

New members Larry & Kay Weeks and Gloria Walter organized a beginners driving clinic with Harry Councill and it was very well received by about 20 people who attended Saturday and Sunday, Labor Day weekend. Harry had an excellent handout prepared and his presentation included the basics of harnesses and how they work, types of carriages, which breeds of horses (and donkeys and mules) are suitable for driving (depending on temperament) and he answered many questions from the attendees. Later long lining was demonstrated and those who had brought horses practiced in the arena. Two draft horses who had been trained to drive singly were introduced to driving as a pair and should do very well with practice. Private lessons were scheduled with Harry on Sunday and the drivers were thrilled with what they learned from Harry's guidance. Three people joined Brass Oak so they could participate in our events and learn more. The overall feeling was that the clinic was very informative and most enjoyable. We thank Ann McClure for the use of her lovely facility and especially thank Harry for coming with all his equipment, carriages, and especially his knowledge of the important basics of driving.



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Also seen at the clinic.....

During the demonstration, one of Ann's dogs (the black Labrador) was spotted running across the arena carrying a shoe. Kay jumped up to chase him as she was sure it was her shoe. The reason she was sure was that one of her shoes sitting on the steps of her trailer had disappeared during the night and this was the other shoe! She had no luck catching him. Then a little while later, here comes black Lab again carrying another 'big' shoe. We all saw him and Harry realized it was his. Ann chased her dog to no avail. Apparently this dog has had a habit of stealing shoes over the years. Ann thought he had outgrown the habit. Apparently Ann has been finding buried shoes for years all over the property. Ann tried to find Harry and Kay's 2 pairs of shoes..... no luck. Wonder when they'll surface?!

****Update:** Apparently Kay's shoes had not been taken (they were left at home) but Harry did lose both of his shoes. Hmm, pretty sad when your clinician comes all the way from Gilroy, puts his pair of shoes on the step of his trailer, and loses them to a dog thief.

... This reminds me of an incident at the Henry Boyd CDE at Woodside several years back when a particular dog was known to have a craze for raw carrots. When carrots began disappearing from open trailer compartments, he naturally got the blame. It wasn't until he was "jailed" and the robberies didn't end that the real perpetrator was discovered: one stealthy resident ground squirrel! ~editor

Welcome New Members:

Christine Linne of Arroyo Grande joined at the recent Driving Clinic. She has a mini donkey she'd like to train for driving.

John & Madaline Machamer of Arroyo Grande also joined at the recent clinic. They have the White Horse Carriage Co. available for weddings and other events.

Calling all VSE drivers!

Shady Oaks is looking for some Miniature Horse entries for the upcoming CDE or the class will be cancelled! For years people with Minis wanted to compete at Shady Oaks, so now they are allowed and few have entered!

Anyone with a mini considering competing at Shady Oaks? We have 4 entries, and they are warning us that they may cancel the class if we don't get a couple more.

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Atascadero Library August 15, 2016

Members Present: Debra Hilberg, Lilla Hewitt, Liz Miller, Gloria Walter, Larry Weeks, Diane Kastama, Judith Baron, Pat Kastama

President Lilla Hewitt called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

Minutes – The minutes from the July 25th meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report – There was no August report; Shaun will present a report at the September meeting.

Old Business –

Dressage Festival – Possible dates were discussed. It was decided that first choice would be April 29-30; second choice would be April 8-9, 2017. Diane reported that she and Ann had discussed working on this event together with the possibility of Ann as Organizer and Diane as Secretary. Suggested fees were \$1,000 for Organizer and \$500 for Secretary. They would like to ask Kathy LaChaine to design awards, similar to the embossed trophies used several years ago and also ask Tasha Wilke if she would be willing to prepare and print the program.

Other suggestions: Provide lunch for volunteers and for the judges. No Saturday night dinner, just a wine/cheese tasting get-together before taking the judges to dinner. Ask local wineries to provide wine samples. Get sponsorships for all classes including Championship Awards. Expand type of sponsorships to include a Dressage Ring sponsor, a warm-up ring sponsor, cones course sponsor, etc. and put signs up at those locations showing the sponsor's name. Diane will ask Nadine Tilley if she would be interested in helping with the costs of the show with a donation.

Have a Silent Auction as before. One idea was to have sponsors fill up a bucket or basket with approximately \$50 worth of new and good used items to be set up for bid, along with other individual donated items for bid. Request the PRHP if competitors can arrive on Thursday and stay over until Monday morning. Good signage is needed for competitors arriving – where to check in, barn availability, etc. It was suggested the 2 office stalls be set up closer to the open area between the barns where most of the competitors are stabled.

Volunteers are needed to set up and take down. It may be we can contact a service group, 4-H or FFA group, or ask the Grizzly Academy in SLO to send members to volunteer.

We can reach out to more vendors to set up at the show – Riding Warehouse, White Horse, Premier Ag, Boot Barn, etc. to bring in revenue. Also, hire local judges to save on expenses and possibly house them in members' homes. It was estimated the event's costs could be \$10,000-\$12,000. After discussion, motion was made by Debra Hilberg, seconded by Judith Baron, that we contact the Horse Park to solidify the date and to pay a deposit to the Horse Park not to exceed \$1,000. Motion was carried.

New Business –

Membership Application – Kathy LaChaine redesigned the form, added our website address, and asked us to review advertising charges noted on the application. For non-members, the cost is \$25 for a business card ad, \$50 for a quarter-page ad, and \$75 for a half-page ad for 6 months.

Calendar of Club Events –

September 3-4 - Clinic with Harry Councell – Larry reported that Harry's fee is \$200/day plus \$100 for travel. He will bring his own food and will stay in his camper trailer on the grounds. That's a total of \$500 for Saturday and Sunday and he will charge only for lessons on Monday. Club insurance was quoted at \$90 for all 3 days. We have several people signed up and others inquiring into coming one or more days.

October 15-16 – Parkfield Drive. Lilla had distributed a flyer via email and announced the hotel in Parkfield was now full. She urged people to fill out the entry form as soon as possible and also requested a check for \$250 for use of the rodeo grounds. If bad weather is predicted, the event will be postponed until next year.

October or November – It was announced that David Ventura plans to give lessons again at Ann's in October or November.

Other Events – See Page 10 of the newsletter for list.

Announcements/Reports

August 6 – Buddy Buggy Days – McClure's, Arroyo Grande – Several members attended and enjoyed a fun day of driving.

August 6-7 - Clay Station HDT – Lilla reported they had a great time competing and did well.

October 29-November 9 – Liz announced that there will be 3 classes (2-hour sessions) on horse anatomy/physiology at Cal Poly on three Saturdays, put on by Dr. Voss.

Next Meeting – September 19th – IHOP Restaurant, SLO

Adjournment –

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Walter, Secretary

**Parkfield Reunion 2016
October 15-16 Parkfield Rodeo Grounds Downtown Parkfield**

Join your driving and riding friends for a fun time in historic Parkfield, Calif. A ranch road course is available for unlimited driving through the scenic oak chaparral landscape. Routes are designed for an enjoyable and leisurely ride. Some of the more outlying ranch roads may have cattle and wildlife present. Keep an eye out for those piggies.

Also happening in Parkfield on this reunion weekend is the Annual Artisan Roundup, with vendors and evening entertainment. Limited corral space is available at no charge on a first entry received basis for weekend drivers. Self-stabling is allowed and encouraged. Bring food to share for a pot-luck on Friday at 5:30 p.m. Breakfast and Lunch on Saturday will be available for purchase. Breakfast will be a fresh baked good and lunch will be Backward CG Farm Chicken Sandwiches prepared by Aleks and Lilla Hewitt. Orders will be taken on Friday. There is a cafe in town as well.

Rooms in town are already booked. Dry camping is available. There are restrooms on site. If you would like to be put on the Parkfield Lodge waitlist, contact the Parkfield Lodge and Cafe at 805-463-2421. There is no gasoline for sale in Parkfield. Closest gas is 25 miles in San Miguel, although Paso Robles is cheaper. Bring flashlights because Parkfield is dark at night. Cell phones may or may not have service, depending on carrier and location. Verizon is the preferred carrier in town.

Entry fee: \$50 covers the driver and groom for the weekend. \$30 for single day use. Safety check will begin at 9 a.m. Drive at will all day.

Check-in: Friday arrival time is after 3:00.

Directions

From the South, take Highway 101 to San Miguel. Exit at Mission Street. Turn right on River Road. Just after crossing the Salinas River bridge, turn left onto Cross Canyon Road, then an immediate left onto Indian Valley Road. Proceed on Vineyard Canyon Road for 17 miles. Follow the signs to Parkfield. Turn right onto Oak Street to get to rodeo grounds. Look for the Brass Oaks sign.

From the East, take Highway 46/41 to the Cholame Valley Road. Stay on Cholame Valley Road to Parkfield. Follow the signs to Parkfield. Turn right onto Oak Street to get to rodeo grounds. Look for the Brass Oaks sign.

Mail entry form to Lilla Hewitt. 69482 Parkfield Coalinga Road, San Miguel, CA 93451

Questions? Call Lilla at 805-463-2342 or email lillathomason@gmail.com

NAME: _____ CLUB MEMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____ TOWN: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION: _____

NAME OF HORSE(S): _____ RIDER: _____ DRIVER: _____

APPROX. ARRIVAL DAY/TIME: _____ NEED STABLING: _____

Please Check One of the Following:

WEEKEND DRIVER: _____ SATURDAY ONLY: _____ SUNDAY ONLY: _____

FEES ENCLOSED:\$ _____

Movie Horse trivia:

1. Maximus, the scene stealer in *Tangled*, is based on what breed of horse?
2. Rutger Hauer rode "Goliath", giving this breed national publicity in *LadyHawke*.
3. Alec Ramsey's "The Black" was portrayed by this horse in *The Black Stallion*.
4. The first horse to portray Clayton Moore's "Silver" on *The Lone Ranger* was this mix of breeds.
5. In *The Miracle of the White Stallions*, these horses were smuggled out of Vienna in WWII.
6. What feat did the horses perform in *Wild Hearts Can't Be Broken* which was set in Atlantic City?



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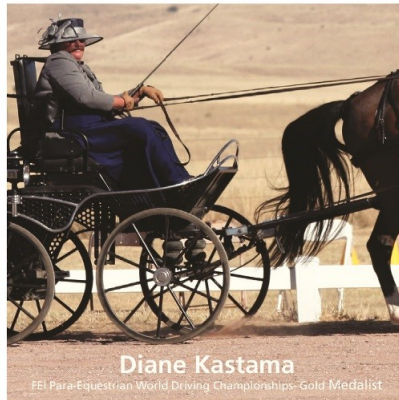
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Answers to trivia:

1. Animator Jin Kim has said that he based Maximus on the Andalusian.
2. Goliath was a Friesian stallion named Othello.
3. Cass Ole, a black Arabian Stallion, although they had to paint out his white markings.
4. A 17hand Morab Tennessee Walker stallion.
5. Lippizans
6. High dive into a water tank

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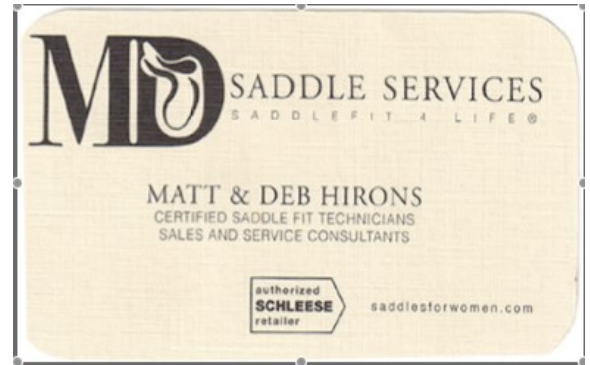
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805-239-1059 evenings or putter@tcsn.net Cathy Rippe

WANTED: Harness for small Spanish Gaited Horse, a bit smaller than a Welsh Pony. Needs to be very reasonably priced.

Also looking for Pony Cart for training same. THX.

Call DEE 805 674-9247 (Judith's neighbor in Templeton)



For Sale: two metal easy-entry carts. One fits a Section A Welsh Pony and the other fits a 13-2 hand pony. Both are in good condition and have been stored in a garage for about 5 years. No rust. asking \$300 for each—located in Santa Maria. The lady is in a rehab hospital and can be reached at: 614-1852. Her name is Grace Kalal. If you can't reach her, call Stephanie Bishop at 925-5894. Stephanie can show you the carts but is not familiar with any details about them, i.e. shaft length, etc. Grace has a few other items like a driving apron, etc. also.

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).

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 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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\$35 membership with newsletter via email

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NAME(S):

STREET ADDRESS:

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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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\$50 quarter page ad

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Driving Events around the region:

Sept 15-18 Shady Oaks CDE Lodi, CA www.shadyoaksevents.com

Sept 22-25 Draft Horse Classic Grass Valley, CA www.nevadacountyfair.com

Oct 8-9 Fall Festival Pleasure show Wilton, CA claystationhorsepark.com

Oct 15-16 ADS Pacific Regional meeting Quincy, CA (see flyer pg 4)

Oct 29 Halloween Hustle Oak Run Farm, Moorpark www.whiprsnappers.com

Oct 29-30 Claystation HDT Wilton, CA claystationhorsepark.com

Oct 29-30 Halloween Haunt at Whiffletree Ranch Madera CA contact Jack McKee ultralite@netptc.net

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

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



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They welcome visitors.

Call Gloria at 805-467-9204



Our September meeting will be at IHOP in SLO.

6:30 no host dinner, 7pm meeting

Monday, September 19th.