



December 2018

BRASS OAK DRIVING SOCIETY

Parkfield Turkey Trot

November 2018



Hardly a cloud in the sky for this year's Turkey Trot, and the ground was bone dry and on the dusty side. The "concern" was avoiding getting pinged, in the head, by the falling acorns coming out of the

trees. Eight turnouts enjoyed the day by playing on the Derby course that was set up at the Rodeo Grounds and/or driving the mile and a half up to my family's ranch to explore the roads. Quite a few other members (and prospective members)

also joined in and were able to catch rides on the different carriages.



Everyone came back with smiles on their faces and sweaty ponies.



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BODS CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 11 FROM 5:00 TO 8:30 P.M.

PASO ROBLES GOLF CLUB

Please join us for our annual holiday celebration on Tuesday, December 11th at the beautiful Paso Robles Golf Club at 1600 Country Club Drive in Paso Robles.

You can arrive at 5:00 p.m. to socialize and our turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be served buffet style at 6:00 p.m. The banquet room overlooks the golf course and it will be beautifully decorated for the holidays.

We will have our white elephant gift exchange after dinner. To participate, bring a gift to share. This is always a lot of fun.

Please let me know how many are coming no later than December 2nd. The price, including tax and tip, is a reasonable \$20/person. You can call (805-467-9204) or email me elvis1@wildblue.net with your reservations. Checks made out to BODS can be mailed to me at: 6268 Hog Canyon Rd., San Miguel, CA 93451 (or you can pay at the door).

Members and guests are welcome! The more, the merrier.....

Directions:

From 101 North, take Spring St. exit in Paso Robles. Turn right at the first signal (Niblick Rd.); stay on Niblick past the PR High School. Turn right on Country Club Dr. and continue to 1600 Country Club Drive.

Plenty of parking.

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A note from the Prez:

Finally rain is falling from the sky! My horses have seemed to grow into Woolly Mammoths overnight and are taking twice as long to brush out and cool down. I am thankful for being able to drive on the county road as I'm too lazy to clean the carriage after drives and it helps wear Jacopo's hooves down so that I don't have to rasp so often (his hooves and hair grow crazy fast).

I have even started giving my marathon carriage a once (or twice, or thrice) over and have changed out the king pin and several other very important bolts (no one wants the singletree to fall off!). Hoping to check the wheel bearings soon. The rainy days are a perfect time to check your carriages over before you need to use them for a show or pleasure drive.

The end of the year means membership renewal time, so please get those into Gloria as soon as possible. We also hope to gain some new members with a day of introductory driving on January 12 (see flyer). The day is also open to those who are club members but don't currently have a horse to drive. Come on out and bring a friend or two!

See you in the NEW YEAR! Lilla

Last month we reported Tasha and Danny's success back at Katydid ...

Well ... to update their record,

Danny won ADS Reserve Champion Intermediate Single Horse!

Tasha is so proud of Danny!

Congratulations to you both

from all of us!



Interested in Carriage Driving?
Brass Oak Driving Society
is
holding a Try-it-and-see-if-you-like-it
introduction to Carriage Driving.
January 12, 2019, 10:00 AM
235 Cimmarron , Arroyo Grande



We will have minis to drafts available. Go for a ride
or take the reins and try driving yourself. All ages
welcome!! RSVP

Contact Diane Kastama
805-458-2428 - dkastama@verizon.net

Jackie Pamplona's Home, Arroyo Grande, November 14, 2018

Members: Liz Miller, Gloria Walter, Lilla & Aleks Hewitt, Ann McClure, Jackie Pamplona, Diane Kastama, Pat Kastama, Disa Thorensen, Kelly Moore, Kay & Larry Weeks, Judith Baron, Terry Skillin, John & Madeline Machamer

Our usual meeting date of the third Wednesday of each month was moved up this month to the second Wednesday in order to have a special presentation by Diane Kastama about her recent Para Equestrian World Championships. Diane gave us details of her recent experience and displayed tapes of the various drivers at the competition. In addition, Jackie presented tapes of the recent WEG Championships in North Carolina that she and Disa attended. They also visited Deb Hilberg at her new home there.

Thank you to Jackie for providing pizza and salad and to Ann for her delicious dessert. After eating and enjoying the presentation, a brief business meeting was held.

President Lilla Hewitt called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes – The minutes from the October 17th meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report – Gloria presented the Treasurer's Report prepared by Linda Fairbanks, on file. As approved at our previous meeting, the club gave a \$150 gift certificate to Cyndi and her husband, who catered all the food for the clinic.

Old Business –

Promotion of the Club – Different ideas continue to be presented as to how we can introduce driving to new people. Diane's offer to organize an Introduction to Driving clinic where trusted members' horses would be available for people to drive was well received and is on our 2019 Calendar of Events. The event will be at Ann's on January 12, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to about 3:00 p.m. A flyer will be made up for distribution.

There was some discussion on updating information on our website and also adding activity information to the club's Facebook page.

Nominations for 2019 Board Members – Current Board members had agreed to continue in their positions for the next year and no new nominations were presented. Since Deb Hilberg was a Member at Large on the Board and has relocated, a nomination was made for Kay Weeks to serve. M/S/C that the members nominated is approved for 2019.

Calendar of Club Events –

December 11 – Christmas Party – We have reserved the Paso Robles Golf Club again for our annual Christmas Party and elephant gift exchange. This is a Tuesday. Please let Gloria know if you plan to attend. Details will be forthcoming shortly.

January 12 – Introduction to Driving – at Ann McClure's, from 10 a.m. to 2 or about 3 p.m.; bring your lunch. Invite new people to attend; advertise in Hoof Beats and SLO Horse News, etc. Contact Diane for details.

Summer Camp in Parkfield – April or May - At the Varian Ranch. You can ride or drive on Friday and Saturday and camp on the property. Cabins are available.

Other Driving Events –

November 30 – Dec. 3 – ADS Annual Meeting in Florida

Announcements/Reports –

Anna Blake Clinic – It was announced that Anna Blake is currently booking clinics for 2019 and that her fee will increase. However, if we book before the end of the year, she will keep the fee the same as 2018.

March 12, 2019 – Horse Expo – at the Madonna Expo Center. We have signed up for a booth.

November 3 - Parkfield Drive – The Turkey Trot drive in Parkfield was well attended by drivers and observers and was a lot of fun, with excellent weather. Lilla stated we made \$200 on the event.

Next Meeting –

There is no formal December meeting but our Christmas party is on December 11th at the Paso Robles Golf Club.

The location of the January meeting will be scheduled later.

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Gloria Walter, Secretary

For Sale:



Breeders of Gypsy Vanner Horses

www.paintedgypsyranh@msn.com

(408) 612-6325 or (408) 612-6324



Joey is a black and white Gypsy Vanner colt born on August 6, 2017. He is expected to reach 14hh. He is by Kaloo Seriba.

*Contact Kay or Larry Weeks
@ 408-612-6325*



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS - BODS - 2018/2019



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



Dec. 11 — Christmas Party, Paso Robles Golf Club, RSVP to Gloria.

Jan. 12 — Intro to Driving Clinic, at Ann's. Contact Diane.

Mar. 12 — Horse Expo, Madonna Expo Center, BODS will have a table.

Apr/May — TBD Summer Camp at Varian Ranch, Parkfield

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ADS Recreational Driving Recognition Program:

Do you love to drive your horse, but don't want to compete in shows? Or, do you enjoy showing but would like to get "credit" for all the time that you spend driving in preparation for showing?

The American Driving Society (ADS) has a great program that recognizes your time spent in the box. It is open to members of the ADS and is completely on the honor system. Simply record the time spent in the carriage (they do have a log that you can use to record time) and get recognized for driving 100, 250, 500, and 1000 hours! These hours roll from one year to the next so you don't have to do it all in a year.

In November, turn in your hours (for each milestone) and be recognized in the ADS's beautiful magazine, "The Whip," January edition, and receive a lapel pin with the hours displayed.

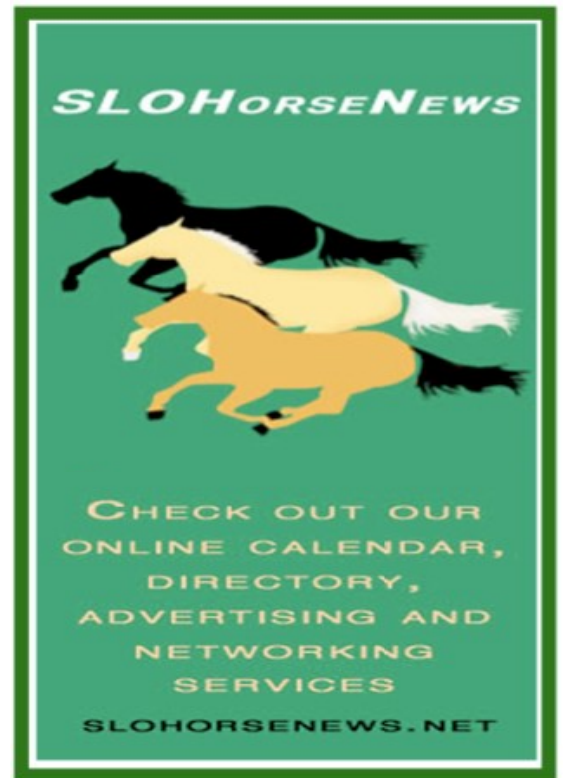
These hours are hours spent driving "recreationally" and time spent showing should not be counted (though, they aren't checking where the hours come from and sometimes ADS gives contradictory information).

For more information check out The American Driving Society website.

For Sale, Hunter Green Spindle Back Buggy. Patterns from sidebar to sidespring buggy. Excellent ride, velvet seat, carpeted & shafts. Pinstriping by Ruben. Ready to go! \$6000.

Also, Black Dr. Buggy style. Hand built. Top 2 1/2 bow with headliner. Trunk & storage under seat. Ready to go \$ 6700.

Both buggies built with traditional wood. Call: Kelly 760-920-3206



Rombach Horse size harness for sale. Black with stainless, English leather, in very good condition.

\$850.00.

Pictures and measurements on request.

Jpamplona@earthlink.net



It's time to renew! Send dues to Gloria for 2019

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

6268 Hog Canyon Rd.

San Miguel, CA 93451

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\$35 membership with newsletter via email

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\$50 membership with newsletter via USPS

NAME(S):

STREET ADDRESS:

CITY, STATE, ZIP:

Email:

TELEPHONE(S):

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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.

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:

2019:

Feb 9 Sweetheart ADT Hesperia, CA Veronica: t.v.campbell@verizon.net

Feb 23-24 CVHA Dressage Festival, Fresno Horse Park

www.centralvalleyharnessassociation.com

June 1-2 Pleasure Days, Hansen Dam Equestrian Center, www.pleasuredays.org

Pamela Miller-Mitchell is our Pacific Region ADS rep.

Pamela can be reached at 818-899-0211 or pam.hei@verizon.net

Next Meeting: January TBD

**Until then, have a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and
a joyful New Year!**

Hope to see you at the Christmas Party!



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.