

Members in the News!

There are several members who have made driving magazine news lately:

Diane Kastama (driving Casper), at the World Para-Driving Championships, was the headline photo in the November/December 2018 Driving Digest Magazine about the event.

Tasha Wilkie and her horse, Danny, were in the January/February 2019 Driving Digest, having won Reserve Champion 2018 ADS North American Intermediate Single Horse Championship.

Lilla Hewitt will be in the February issue of the American Driving Society magazine, the Whip, for recording over 100 hours of recreational driving.

Congratulations Ladies!!

2019 Dues are due. Please see info on page 8.

Check out the website for calendar updates and current news at:

www.brassoakdriving.com

The NCDC CDE at Murietta Equestrian Center

at the Western States Horse Expo

We have been offered the opportunity to run a CDE at this lovely facility in conjunction with the Western States Horse Expo. While this is a bit last minute, we couldn't resist the chance to establish a new CDE venue. This is only affordable because Horse Expo has rented the entire facility, which would otherwise be way beyond our budget.

The dates for the Expo are May 10-12. This conflicted with the Sargent CDE, which initially was a non-starter, but Jeanne Williams graciously offered to give up the date for this year in the interest of developing a new CDE venue.

Clay Station Horse Park and Sargent Equestrian Center have generously and enthusiastically offered to help in any way they can, in the interest of growing the sport. So, a big Thank You to both, because that is going to be essential to the success of this venture.

We are working on the Omnibus listing, which has not yet been posted on the ADS site. Keep an eye out for that.

Stabling will be in barns similar to the Shady Oaks barns - plastic coated canvas, covered, 10x10 - separate from the barns used for Horse Expo. The barns have electricity and lights. There is trailer parking with hookups right next to the barns. Some parking will be further from the barns, with plenty of room to hitch at your trailer.

The biggest challenge has been locating the dressage arena. The latest plan is that warm-up and dressage will be on grass.

There is lots of acreage for the marathon, one of the main reasons for trying to make this work. Should be a lovely drive!

Food will be available on the grounds through the vendors serving the Expo. Competitors and volunteers will receive complementary passes to the Expo.

This is an exciting opportunity to introduce a huge number of horse folks to the sport of combined driving.

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Stephanie Szabo 805-460-0242 chiropetdc@aol.com 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

20135 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

Brass Oak Driving Society

BRASS OAK DRIVING SOCIETY MINUTES

Golden Gong Restaurant, SLO, January 23, 2019

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Members: Liz Miller, Gloria Walter, Lilla & Aleks Hewitt, Jackie Pamplona, Diane Kastama, Pat Kastama, Disa Thorensen, Stephanie Szabo

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

Minutes – The minutes from the November 14th meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report – Gloria presented the Treasurer's Report prepared by Linda Fairbanks, on file. It was reported that the Board and other members are working on required forms for the Franchise Tax Board to have our exempt status approved.

Old Business –

<u>Promotion of the Club</u> – Lilla reported that our website has been updated to show upcoming Calendar of Events and current newsletters.

A previous suggestion that we invite speakers to meetings a couple of times per year included Sharon Jantzen of SLO Horse News, Dr. Eric DeVoss from Cal Poly, farriers, etc. Stephanie Szabo offered to conduct a clinic on equine conformation and how it can cause lameness and other problems. This would be held during daytime hours. After further discussion, the date of Saturday, March 16th was chosen for the presentation at Linda's Overlook Driving Center in Paso Robles.

New Business –

<u>Brushpopper's Club</u> – Liz reported that this club is making a comeback with a new Board and we could keep in contact with them to possibly support their activities and combine events on property that is available to them. She will keep us posted.

<u>Lessons with Jean Charles</u> – at Ann McClure's. Disa stated that members and others are welcome to sign up for lessons with Jean Charles at Ann's who is available there once a month.

Calendar of Club Events -

<u>March 2nd – Intro to Driving – at Ann McClure's</u>. Since the January 12th date was rained out, this event has been rescheduled. It will start at 10 a.m. and will continue until most people have had a chance to experience driving. Attendees should bring their own lunch. Diane stated we had a large number of people who signed up for the January event and she expects most of them, and others, will attend also. Diane will coordinate with those bringing horses to drive.

<u>March 12, 2019 – Horse Expo</u> – at the Madonna Expo Center. We have signed up for a booth and will need volunteers to help set up and be there to provide information. Stephanie will bring her mini Meadowbrook cart to display. Members who have driving magazines to share are encouraged to bring a supply for distribution. Please let Gloria know what you can do to help. Stephanie will be sharing our booth to provide information on how chiropractic adjustments and laser treatment can be effective on a number of animals, including horses and dogs.

March 16th – Clinic with Stephanie Szabo - at Linda's. She will provide details to members shortly.

<u>April 13th – Schooling Show at Ann's</u> – This will be a fun schooling show with cones and dressage and a special introduction class for beginners. Drivers and other attendees will be asked to help with set-ups. Diane is Show Secretary and Deb Hirons will be the judge. The event will be open to other clubs or individuals who wish to learn more about driving. After discussion, M/S/C that we approve a fee of no more than \$200 for the judge. The rain date is April 28th.

<u>Summer Camp in Parkfield</u> – June 21-22 at the Varian Ranch. These are the only dates available at this time. You can ride or drive on Friday and Saturday and camp on the property. Cabins are available. Lilla will keep us posted.

Other Driving Events – see the last page of this newsletter for listings/details.

Next Meeting – Due to all the activities planned for March, it was decided to forego the February meeting. If necessary, we can have a brief meeting at the March 2nd event.

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Gloria Walter, Secretary





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

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

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Pictures and measurements on request.

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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

\$50 membership with newsletter via USPS

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

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Driving Events around the region:

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

Feb 23-24 CVHA Dressage Festival, Fresno Horse Park — Cancelled www.centralvalleyharnessassociation.com

May 10-12 NCDC CDE at Murieta Equestrian Center at the Horse Expo

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: Wednesday, March 20th Location TBD. There will be No February meeting.



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 <u>www.facebook.com/brassoakdriving/</u>. 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.