



# Brass Oak Driving Society

April 2025

## Ram Tap Playday



### Combined Driving Returns to Ram Tap

We are excited to announce that the Ram Tap Horse Park will host driving trials on May 2-4, 2025. The format will be somewhat unusual, consisting of an ADS driving trial on Friday and Saturday, May 2-3, followed by a USEF driving trial on Sunday, May 4. We are hoping for a large turnout to support driving competition at this venue for the first time since (I think) 2008.

Those who are not planning to compete can still be part of the fun – volunteer! You get a front row seat to the action and earn the eternal gratitude of your friends.

There's information for competitors and volunteers on the web site: <https://tracybowmandriving.com/competitors-information>

We're using SignUp to organize our upcoming volunteer SignUps.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click this link to see our SignUp on SignUp: <https://signup.com/go/AxnUSLo>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - **you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.**

Note: SignUp does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

Ram Tap Horse Park is located at 7430 N Weber Ave in Fresno, just off Rte 99.

Thank you!!

Gina Miner [vwminer@me.com](mailto:vwminer@me.com) 510-918-5800

## Fundraising Auction for US Driving for the Disabled

<https://www.32auctions.com/USDFDParaTeam>

United States Driving for the Disabled is raising money for the 2025 Para Driving Team USA. Last year they were able to give grants to all drivers to help with expenses.

The 2025 world championships will be held September 2025 in Lahden, Germany.

Check out the link above. There are riding and driving clothes, tack, carriages, etc. on the auction.

Janine Newby made a video at the March 8<sup>th</sup> Robert Gonzales Body Work Clinic.

Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bNFwPPHG-9M>

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## ***Easter Egg-Spectacular In-Hand Obstacles***



Saturday, April 12th, 2025

12:00pm – 4:00pm

6190 Burgandy Lane

Paso Robles

Bring one or bring them all for a fun filled afternoon of In-Hand Obstacles with your favorite equine or equines of all sizes and shapes. What is "In-Hand" you ask: Leading your equine by lead line or long lines through obstacles and jumps. No carts this time. Members and non-members are welcome so bring a friend and bring your lunch. There will be trot-overs, back-throughs, cones, water hazard, bridges, teeter-totter, side passing, jumps, of course the dreaded tarp, and lots more. What better way to improve your driving skills and your equine's than with a little team building In-Hand skills.

Costs for participating person no matter the # of equine or times through

\$5 / Member

\$10 / Non-Member



RSVP and/or More Info Contact

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## **WHAT IS A "CDE," "DT," "ADT" AND A "CT", Driving Derby?**

### **COMBINED DRIVING EVENT or CDE**

Traditionally, a CDE refers to an event taking place over three days. Day 1 is Dressage, Day 2 is a Marathon course which is comprised of 2 sections sections, each of which has a specified distance and time window. The last section of the marathon section B contains the obstacles. Day 3 is the Cones competition. Should there be any ties coming into day 3, the time on course in cones is used to break any tie.

### **DRIVING TRIAL or DT**

This is a combined driving event is held over one or two days. Dressage and Cones competitions are held on the first day, and a "B" section only Marathon is held on the second day.

#### Section B for a DT or CDE

Includes all the Obstacles as well as the pathways (course) used to get from obstacle to obstacle between the Start and Finish markers. Course length is usually 1 km per obstacle.

Time is recorded for the Marathon and includes time on the entire course as well as the time within each obstacle-which adds penalty points for obstacle elapsed time. There is a specified speed for each level/equine size which determines the time window for the marathon course. Additional penalties are added for being too early or too late based on that window.

Frequently, an event will offer both a CDE or HDT and a CT option for competitors.

### **COMBINED TEST or CT**

This is usually a one-day competition that combines a Driven Dressage Test and a Cones Course as the only Event sections. There is no Marathon or Obstacles section.

### **Arena Driving Trial or ADT**

An ADT consists of a dressage test, 2 obstacles driven twice and cones. It can be held all in one arena or setup separately. There is no track. Scores are dressage test plus cones penalties plus obstacle times

### **Driving Derby**

Time based course of cones and 2 obstacles all in one arena.

## Members' Marketplace

### For Sale:

**For Sale: 3-horse, slant-load gooseneck. \$8700**

It is older and has some cosmetic damage, but this one-owner rig is solidly built and has been well maintained and has loads of add-ons. See on-site in Tepusquet Canyon outside Santa Maria.

- Solar panel for trailer electrical and any 12-volt equipment you run
- Bull Dog lift so you don't have to hand crank when you hook up
- Tack room with 3 saddle racks and bridle hangers
- Heavy duty rubber mats
- Wooden floorboards in excellent condition
- Extra interior tie-downs so you can haul equipment
- Bash plate under rear end
- Heavy Hercules ST tires and two (older) spare wheels & tires
- Exterior lighting
- All maintenance and equipment installation by Heacock in AG
- Complete safety check including repacking hubs 9/23.

Email to [mzlil2988@gmail.com](mailto:mzlil2988@gmail.com) or phone 805 937 3811 Lil Clary



### For Sale

Pacific Carriage Company "Dartmoor" marathon carriage. Well used but well maintained and ready to roll. Carriage has a second set of shafts to fit a pony, but the wheels for that size are missing. Price includes 3 forty-pound weights and a side-facing navigator's seat. \$2800



Also available 2 sets of leather harness (they fit my 14-hand mule).

One will easily adjust for a larger critter; it is very worn but still useable. \$200.

The other is in very good condition with some scuffs that could be minimized with leather dye. \$450

Located near Santa Maria in northern Santa Barbara County.

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## Members' Marketplace

FOR SALE

### FREY VSE MINI REBEL CART

**\$3000**

26" Marathon Wheels  
Standard Shafts  
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## 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

- Memberships are for one year beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> and ending December 31<sup>st</sup> and include newsletter by email.
- New subscriptions or renewals paid after November 1<sup>st</sup> will apply to the following year.
- No refunds on membership.
- \$35 one-year individual or \$50 one-year family membership.
- Make check payable to BRASS OAK DRIVING SOCIETY and mail to: Gloria Walter, 6268 Hog Canyon Rd., San Miguel, CA 93451 -OR- PayPal by email to [bodstreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:bodstreasurer@gmail.com)

Yes! I/we want to join the Brass Oak Driving Society!

- ☐ \$35 one-year individual membership, or
- ☐ \$50 one-year family membership.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please ( **DO / DO NOT** ) include my information on the club roster distributed to club members (for personal use only). **CIRCLE ONE**

### Newsletter Advertising

- Classified ads (3 issues): no charge for members and non-members
- Business ads: no charge for members; no charge for 3 mos. for non-members

**Driving events around the region:** *Contact venues for current information.*

April 12-13, – Mighty Mini/Small Pony CDE, Clay Station Horse Park, Wilton, CA

Saturday, April 12 – Easter Egg-Spectacular In-Hand Obstacles, *see flyer on page 3*

May 2-4 – Ram Tap Driving Trials, Fresno, CA

May 17-18 – Summer Festival CDE, Clay Station Horse Park, Wilton, CA



Gina Miner is our Pacific Region ADS representative.  
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**Next Board Meeting:**  
**Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am**  
**All are welcome! RSVP [brass2drive@gmail.com](mailto:brass2drive@gmail.com)**



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/](https://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.