

**Our President has called a
MEETING SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 13, 2005.**

Round Table Pizza, 888 Alamo Dr., Vacaville,
707-446-8111

Exit Hwy 80 at Alamo Dr. (South end of Vacaville. On
the West side of Highway 80)

12 noon Pizza Lunch, Meeting begins promptly at
12:30pm

Agenda:

- 1) Final By-Law wording for ballot mailing
- 2) Establish Date of January meeting
- 3) Prepare January Meeting agenda, for publication in
the newsletter.
 - a) Propose Quarterly meeting locations and dates to
be confirmed at January meeting
 - b) Preliminary discussions regarding NCDC policy
on club donations in support of non-club activi-
ties,
 - c) Develop criteria for an education committee to
be established and voted on in January
 - d) Explore ideas for 2006 activities; how many and
type, (ADT, TDD, etc.)
 - e) Introduce for discussion, Liaisons between Clubs
and a Directory
- 4) Review and hear reports from the Standing Com-
mittees; Impromptu Activity committee, By-Law
Review and recommendation committee, Activities
conflict committee

Please come!

Hello NCDC!

A letter from your editor Harriet Merritt

Fall is here; cooler, shorter days, preparations for the
coming year and reminiscing about the past summer.
Time for a bonfire of all of last year's dressage scores...
oops, I'm personalizing again... On to the important
stuff...

The ballot will be sent out in November stating the
By-Law change to allow participation in the decision
making process through voting outside of meetings. I
will print again an excerpt from the June meeting min-
utes in the body of the letter.

As a club we have significant assets. We have in the
past donated, in the form of sponsorships, to regional
events (Ram Tap, Garlic Classic, Henry Boyd, Trinity,
Wine Country Classic to name a few), addressing each
on an individual basis after receiving a request.. We've
done this because it makes sense to support events put
on by others, giving us more options in which to par-
ticipate. We've made these decisions during meetings
with discussion, but with no criteria established as to
what the general membership wants to support. Please
consider what guidelines we may want to establish,
and the amounts we should be donating, and plan on
discussing it at the November and January Meetings.
A recent financial report follows.

We are looking for volunteers and accepting
nominations for President and Treasurer. We will be
"changing the guard" at the January Meeting. I am
nominating Liz Hendrick to stand in for President.
Liz is a capable and organized person who has always
stepped up to the plate and done a great job. She is
interested in all aspects of driving, and as a "newer"
driver will be more aware of the needs of our new
members. Everyone who has had the pleasure of work-
ing with Liz knows her to be delightful and conscien-
tious.

It's been a great month, wonderful, extraordinary
events, and learning experiences abounded.
As always our incredible members surpassed expecta-
tions as volunteers and competitors at the Shady Oaks
CDE, proving once again what a great group we are.
Thank you all for the privilege of working with you.
Harriet Merritt

RECENT FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

submitted by Gina Minor

6/21/05	Dues	810.00
6/21/05	postage	-7.40
6/21/05	Equisure TDD Insurance	-51.60
6/23/05	new checks	-19.93
6/29/05	Dues	510.00
7/26/05	Dues	680.00
7/28/05	Modesto Disposal (portapotties for playday at SO)	-221.59
7/28/05	Virginia Miner (course arrows)	-57.36
8/20/05	Kirtlans Silver Bend Farm	-567.00
8/20/05	Linda Fairbanks, TDD judge	-150.00
8/20/05	Jay Hubert copying, TDD	-5.39
8/20/05	Linda Fairbanks, mileage, TDD	-214.65
8/20/05	Calif Food & Ag drug fee, TDD	-115.00
8/27/05	Checks mostly TDD	1,165.00
8/27/05	Dues	200.00
9/7/05	Equisure, Inc. Hiskens Insurance	-51.60
9/22/05	Debbi Packard Donation to DE	-250.00
10/16/05	Susan Christianson food, CDE camp	-43.79
10/16/05	Cris Anderson, food, CDE Camp	-196.03

10/16/05	Virginia Miner food, CDE Camp	-41.18
10/16/05	Sterling Graburn CDE Camp	-960.00
10/16/05	Eventful Acres camp use fees	-1,525.00
10/17/05	Checks from CDE camp	3,367.00
	BALANCE 10/18/05	\$9,795.95

TDD = Traditional Day of Driving
SO = Shady Oaks
DE = Dressage Extraordinaire

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Advertising Fees

Members: Classified ads are free. Please limit to 35 words or may be reduced at editor's discretion.

All classified ads to be renewed monthly. You can e-mail an ad to me at hl_merritt@yahoo.com

Business Card ads: \$20.00 per year (Minimum 10 issues)

Business ads (per issue):

1/4 page: \$5.00

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Inserts: \$20.00 per page, per issue, you provide the insert, and disc to accompany PDF file.

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1/4 page: \$10.00

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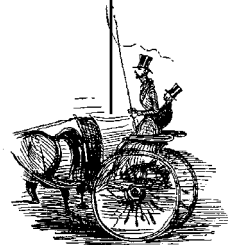
Please send all ads and checks (if applicable) payable to NCDC to:

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Deadline for articles and ads is the 15th of the month.



PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE

(June Meeting Minutes) by Gina Miner

“The Chair introduced the proposed bylaws amendment for “remote voting”. Because the club is spread out over a large area, we rarely have meetings with a quorum, making it Very difficult to make decisions. The proposal is to amend the bylaws to allow an issue to be put to a vote by email, e-balloting, fax or mail. Laura’s write-up was distributed and discussed. Among the issues decided was that telephone voting is not allowed. Pat proposes adding Yahoo e-balloting as alternative to email. (Yahoo hosts the club email list, and members are identified by their email addresses.) One concern voiced is that by not having a meeting, we lose the ability to have discussion on an issue before voting. Care will need to be taken to insure the members are informed and have an opportunity to comment before the vote. It was suggested that this could be done via the newsletter and also email notices (separate from List). Buck moved to accept the report of the bylaws revision committee, as edited today, for dissemination to membership. Seconded by Susan Hassett. So voted.

Amending the bylaws requires vote of 2/3 of the membership, and can under the current

Bylaws be done via mail-in ballot. One concern is the difficulty of getting that many members to respond. Gina suggested we authorize the club to include a stamped self-addressed envelope or postcard to be sent to members with ballot. Jane moved that the ballot be mailed with post-paid return ballot. Seconded by Buck. So voted.

Allyn moved we add a balloting incentive, which would be a drawing from among voters on this amendment, with the prize being waiver of dues for next yr. Seconded by Jay. So voted.”

NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS:

Victoria da Roza, Walnut Creek

“My whole life (I’m 60), I have wanted a horse and now I am getting one to drive with a cart. I am going to 32 hrs of driving training in the next 2 months and looking for a Haflinger, and looking at carts. Basically I plan on driving my husband up and down 2 country roads near our house and at club events. We also raise Jacob sheep (2-6 horned and spotted). I have a ram and 5 ewes. We have beautiful banty chickens and a cute little Patterdale terrier. My husband has MS and this is one way we will be able to get back into nature together. We look forward to seeing people at club events and making new friends.”

Beverly Minor, Concord

“I have Duzie, a Percheron-Morgan cross, that is OK for light use since his recovery from EPM. I enjoy trail riding and would like to learn to drive someday. I actually ordered a harness, so maybe next year.”

WHAT’S AN HDT?

Gina Minor gives us a great answer

“It stands for Horse Driving Trial, which isn’t very descriptive.

It’s a shortened form of a Combined Driving Event (CDE). It consists of all the elements of a CDE except that the marathon phase includes only Section E.

In a full CDE, the marathon consists of Section A (a few km at a trot) plus Section D (1 km at the walk) followed by the vet check, plus Section E (typically 5-6 km at a trot with hazards).

A full CDE takes a LOT of real estate, but an HDT can be done on less property.

The Henry Boyd event this year was an HDT, rather than a full CDE, because they didn’t have use of all parts of the Horse Park. That was run over multiple days. For a smaller event, such as the ones at Clay Station, an HDT can be done in 1 day. The way it has been run in the past is that you do dressage and then immediately do cones. Everyone finishes that before lunch. Then, after lunch, everyone does the shortened marathon with hazards.

There is another, even shorter, variation on a CDE, known as an Arena Driving Trail (ADT). An ADT has no marathon at all, but does have some hazards. NCDC has put on an ADT in March for the last few years. The whole thing can be run in an arena - we do dressage in the morning, then set up 2 hazards and a short cones course in the same arena during the lunch break, and after lunch, everyone does the hazards (doing the hazards twice each) and then the cones.

In case you’re now wondering what happened to Sections B and C in a CDE marathon... the higher levels sometimes have 5 sections - B is a walk section, and C is a trot section. If a particular event has only 3 sections on the marathon, they are lettered A, D and E.”



SHADY OAKS RESULTS

from the Notes of Buck Horse Voice Scholderer.

FEI Single Horse

Leslie Berndl, Newcastle CA., Rio, American Sport Horse

Walt Rector, Scottsdale AZ., Aliyah, Holstiener
Nona Bales, Wellington, NV, Jesse, Morgan
Diane Kastema, Arroyo Grande, CA., Jasper, Welsh Cob

FEI Pair Horse

Fritz Grupe, Lodi CA., Magnum 44 & Ravell, German Warmblood

Hardy Zantke, Torrence CA., Kasper and Lucas, Holstiener

Mark Schmidt, Whitefish MT., Cavallo and Equo, German Warmblood

FEI Cones champion

Kasper and Lucas with Hardy Zantke driving!

Interm. Single Pony

Ally Benbrook, El Cajon CA, Seaswept Eclipse, Morgan
(others E'd, spun or withdrew)

Interm Pair Pony

Merrie-Morgan Stevens, Ridgecrest CA., Ruger & Rimfire, Hi Sierra Welsh rockets!
Ray Mansur, Bonita, CA, Manfred and Car, Haflingers

Interm Single Horse

Josh Rector, Stockton Ca., Anthem, Dutch Warmblood
Gerald Fisher, San Jose CA., Denver Bronco, Morgan
Gary Gang, Chino Valley AZ., Lady's Fancy, Arabian/
Quarter X

Prelim single pony

Cassie Welker, Simi Valley, CA, Triangle E's Riata, Fjord
Jojo Petro, Wilsonville OR, Winterlake Barclay, Welsh
Teri Merry, Ramona, CA., Blanche Molly Mule
Sharon McCarthy, Beaverton, OR, Whipper Snapper (paint X)
Kathy Freeman, Plymouth CA., Coffing Oaks Night Music (Welsh)

Prelim Pair Pony

Joella Cheek, Prescott AZ, Hawk & Goldie, Welsh
Judy Levelle-King, Carmel Valley, CA., Woodstock & Kingston, Haflingers

Prelim Single Horse

Matt Gaspar, Fresno, CA., Heaven Le Gal, Breeding stock paint
Brian Kurtz, Ladysmith BC Canada, Forban, Canadian

Horse

Jill Warren Pond, Lakeview Terrace, CA., Patria, Std Bred

Linda Jeffrey, Volcano, CA., B Boppin Betty, Morgan
Shelly Chavoor, Davis CA., Altair, Arabian

Prelim Pair Horse

Denise Yeck, Woodlake, CA., Prince & Duke, Morgans
Mike McCormack, Santa Barbara, CA., Toro & Stephan, German Warmblood

Joe Kazza, Grass Valley, CA, Prince & Conversano, Lippizan

Steve Olsen, Santa Rosa, CA., Rowdy and Joker, Morgans

JOE DAHLINGS PLEASURE DRIVE

by Peach York

The drive was terrific as usual. The weather was perfect with a slight breeze. At the start of the drive there are pastures full of Thoroughbred horses on both sides of the driving road, making a little excitement for my Pinto Shetland on his first outing. Fields of horses, corn, woods, turns, bridges and a few gullies. I fell in with a pony group and discovered old friends Bev and Gil Fryer with their Mini and of course Gil's cute Mini donkey "Icabod".

Mr. Dahling is a wonderful host and provided a Mexican Bar-B-Q; salads, beans, tortillas, sweets and lots of liquid for the thirsty. Ample parking and best of all wonderful friendly folks.

NCDC Camp at Hiskens

We can tell from these comments, Camp was again a huge success! Excerpts from the list:

"It was our first time there and we were pleasantly surprised at how the owner Rod Goff developed the place and made it friendly for camping, clinics and educational elements for horses... There were lovely pens and paddocks near camping spots, water nearby. He says he's booked a year in advance and he is happy to keep a weekend open for NorCal Driving Club...Gina did her usual fine job of spearheading the organization of the weekend and everyone pitched in where needed... Romeo hadn't seen this much grass since North Carolina and driving on grass was a treat. The dressage court and warm up ring was washed sand, rolled firm and is full size." (Nancy Taylor Rojo)

"I thought it was just wonderful!" I, also, feel grateful that he (Rod Goff) had us all wear our helmets, which I will now no longer go without when driving, even at clinics...THANK YOU to Jane for letting me YAHOO around the cones course with her

speedy pony, Scooby! I get how it is SUPPOSED TO BE!...And, thank you, too, to Susan for letting me sit in her beautiful carriage with her while she drove her fiery Morgan through the hazards... now, THAT was serious driving!...I won't sleep on the front seat of my truck again with my little Maltese heaters, Muffie and Tinkerbelle...So...thank you to ALL! (Jeanie Hayes)

"The funniest scene of the weekend was Sterling running alongside Trooper, Jeanie's mini, encouraging him to go faster in cones. Then Sterling tried driving him, and did succeed in doing the whole cones course at a respectable pace - until about 10 feet short of the finish markers, at which point, Trooper dropped to a crawl. Sterling's comment was "I guess my nickel ran out"...

It was a spectacularly nice weekend, if you ignore 2 hrs of rain in the wee hours of Sat morning and a little sprinkle Sat afternoon. Kept the dust down nicely. Jay (Hubert) brought cones and set up a course, and coach(ed) those who wanted some help. Everyone got to practice in the water hazards, as well as stream and bridge crossings." (Gina Miner)

"... my trainer, Valerie Greenwell, is very special and always makes time to work with me...I would like to thank all of those who made the weekend possible...especially the ladies who made dinner for us... how great to have vegetarian on the menu. This is my second year and I look forward to many more." (Ginny Leal)

Participants:

Cris Anderson, Gina Miner, Jean Terry, Jan Borgman, Susan Christianson, Jeanie Hayes, Jay Hubert, Kelly Albrect, Judy & Dan Moore, Cherie Harter, Sally Baker, Ginny Leal, Debra Smith, Nancy Taylor Rojo, Liz Hendrick, Joe Kasza, Jane Moody, Nancy Durham, Melissa Wessel, Allyn Carmen, Valerie Greenwell

CDE Camp:

Receipts	
lessons	\$1,350
use fees	\$1,450
food	\$485
total	\$3,285
Expenses	
clinician	\$800.00
pro-rated airfare	\$100.00
insurance	\$51.60
use fees	\$1,525.00
lodging	\$60.00
kitchen	\$100.00
food	\$501.12
Total	\$3,137.72
net	\$147.28

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CDE Carriage Driving Essentials

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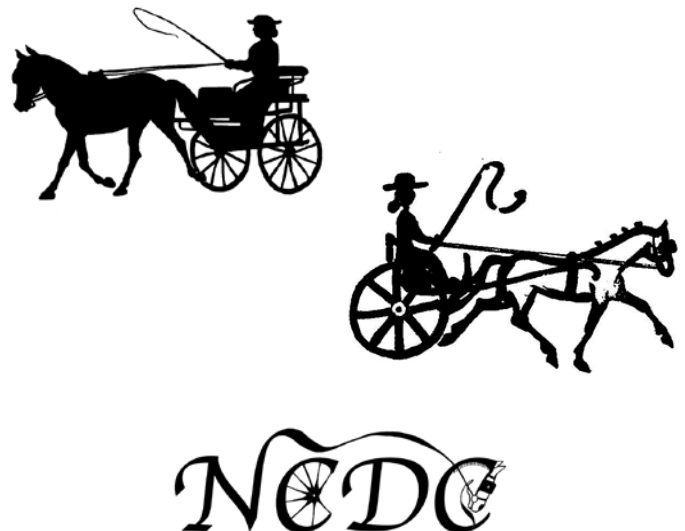
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THE ARTISTS ARE COMING!

Here are three logos for your consideration. They will be posted at the January Meeting so a vote can be taken to determine which Logo we will adopt. Logos will be accepted right up until the time of the vote, so get them in if you have one...I will print any I receive, and prepare them to be displayed at the meeting.



For Sale:

DRIVING CALENDARS: Calendars are \$11.95 each, with increasing quantity discounts. Best deal is \$8.50 each if you buy 10 or more. Plus shipping Credit cards accepted. 1-877-647-2452 <http://www.mischka.com/>

**PACIFIC COAST CARRIAGE COMPANY
RUNABOUT**

Made in Oakland around 1900, the original plate, New shafts (the originals are available)
Wheels gone through in 2001 and new rubber. This is a nice horse/large pony sized vehicle! Proceeds benefit Project RIDE driving program \$1200
See it at Project RIDE Corie Brooks
916-685-7433 on Wed and Thursdays

CHESTNUT QUARTER HORSE MARE
13.3HANDS, 4 YRS, \$4000 Very Pretty! A proven Brood mare, she is a very solid trail horse, spent last year in the Sierras, will load into the back of a pickup, cross water and you can open gates on her. Imprinted at birth. Lois Patten 559 298 0940

REGISTERED AMERICAN HAFLINGER MARE,
7YRS., 13H \$3500
Lucy is broke to ride, needs an experienced driver to bring her along. She has also been broke to the saddle but needs mileage on her and a patient trainer. She has had 4 foals and we have one of them...he is very handsome. She is very quiet and has had Parelli ground-work done with her. (530) 269-1936 Ginny Leal



**REGISTERED 12.2 HAND SPANISH
GAITED GELDING. 7 YRS, \$3000.**
Imprinted at birth, Trails, Parades, suitable driving candidate. He is green but very solid and unflappable. Lois Patten 559-298-0940



**CARRIAGE TRACKS
2005 CALENDAR**

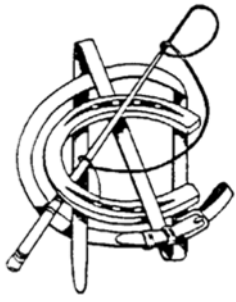
Nov 4-5 California Draft Horse and Equipment Sale at the International Agri Center Inc.
www.californiadrafthorseauction.com Tulare, CA Dan Baumgardner 559-334-7731
dan@whitemoreauctions.com

Nov 5-6 ADS Pacific Regional Gathering along with the "Meeting of the Minds" calendar. Dressage Clinics, Seminars, demonstrations, private lessons for beginners to advanced for more info: Phyllis Rumley (ADS Pac. Reg. Rep.) 559 298-1289
www.centralvalleyharnessassociation.com/dressage_festival.htm

Nov 12 NCDC CLUB MEETING, 12 Noon, Round Table Pizza, Vacaville

Nov 26 The Turkey Trot Drive & Ride 20 miles Silver Springs, NV Cliff or Cathy Lewis
775-577-9693 kkllfarms@aol.com

Dec 3 Pleasure Drive and Tea, Woodland Stallion Station, Shelley Chavoor, wsstea@scrubjay.nu 530-753-6761



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NCDC Membership Application/Renewal Form

New Member/Renewal

Dues are \$25 for Individuals and \$35 for Families. The Membership year runs from June to May 31, not the Calendar Year.

Name _____

Address _____

City State Zip _____

Phone Email Address _____

Is it OK for NCDC to use your email address for club information? Yes No

The newsletter is normally distributed via email, as an Adobe Acrobat .pdf file. Do you need to receive the newsletter via regular mail? Yes No

NCDC maintains an email discussion list for members only. Do you want to be added to this email list? Yes No

Use this space for an optional brief description of your interests, type of horse and carriage, and what you would like to see in the way of club activities.

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