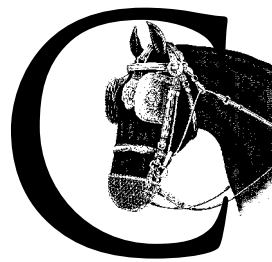


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CARRIAGE TRACKS

## FROM OUR EDITOR

Well, it's almost October already. For Jim, Betty and I the season is just about over. The "Big One", Shady Oaks, is almost here and then Debbi and Stan Packard's last HDT of the series, October 27th. That will be it for us, and I will be giving Betty a well deserved rest for a while. I decided midway through the summer, after wondering why Betty and I have been arguing like an old married couple, that I have been taking CDE's, or maybe just competition in general, too seriously. I have forgotten to "stop and smell the roses", so to speak. Because I do not have a background in horses like so many of you, I have made the mistake in believing that I must work harder than anyone to try and make up the difference in experience. But, of course, that is not possible. So I have learned a valuable lesson this summer – I have learned to "let go". Not only of the reins, but to stop doing the dressage test for the 30th time. Betty is wondering "what is wrong with this woman?!" So I can't make up the difference in experience, and Betty, who used to be a city carriage horse, like those you have been writing about lately on the NCDC list, has come such a long way since those days. My goal for next year is to relax..... and enjoy the drive.

Deadlines for newsletter submissions is the 25th of each month.

Linda and Jim Jeffery aka The Flying Tomatoes

## ELECTIONS

The position of vice chair and Secretary for the club are up for renewal and will be voted on at the next meeting in December. Jean Terry and Laura Keister have both very kindly said that they are happy to continue their duties. However, if any one wishes to be nominated for either of these positions please let me know, so that we can place your name on the ballot for voting at the meeting on Dec 1st.

The position of newsletter editor was also due for renewal this year and calls for a volunteer earlier on this summer were answered by Linda Jeffery (thank you, thank you!) Procedurally, all that needs to be done is for Linda to be voted in by the membership, so that item will also be on the agenda.

Any questions or comments please contact me at 415-898-8404 or ehultgren@aol.com.

Thanks, Liz

## PLEASE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kathi & Scott Dancer of Woodside

Geoff Gee of Malibu

Carol O'Brien of Los Altos Hills

Lynn Podesta of Jackson who drives a Mini Mule!

Ann McClure of Arroyo Grande

Janice Schultz of Gilroy

Jayne Skinner and Colette Walker of Moraga

Katie Moyer of Woodland

Katie is 19 learning to drive a 3yr Morgan. She has driven an older Morgan in a Meadowbrook cart and has been driving for about 6 months.

## RAM TAP WEBSITE

I'm working on the website for Ram Tap CDE 2008 and thought I'd put out a call for photos. I only need 10-12 photos, so if you have photos of Ram Tap, pick through them, and send me the best one (or maybe two).

### HERE'S WHAT I NEED:

Photos taken at/during the Ram Tap event (any year, and even some oldies would be fun).

Photos need to be accompanied by:

Name of horse(s), driver, groom/gator

Name of photographer if you didn't take the picture, you need to get permission from the photographer

for me to use the picture - it's a copyright thing - the image actually belongs to the photographer, not the subject in the photo. (If you want more details, you need to take one of my classes.) An email will do.

If they do not have all of this info. I won't be able to use them.

Email photos to me at [alyn@horseygal.com](mailto:alyn@horseygal.com)

Low resolution photos will be fine - I'm on dialup, so if you send really big files, I might have to delete both you and your files.

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Thanks! -Allyn

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## Clay Station Dressage Extraordinaire

Just wanted to say thanks to all that came out this weekend to participate in the event. It was defiantly hot, but the trees are getting bigger and the shade was a real treat. I hope all had a great time. After a great nap in the afternoon, Jay, Buck, Stan and I decided, what the heck, lets do it again next year same time same place. So mark your calendars for Labor Day weekend 2008. Look for new ideas and new improvements.

Also, thanks to all that helped even the smallest help was greatly appreciated.

Stan and Deb Packard Also Annie who just has a great time with all the dogs who come to visit. Especially Sam and Bear

## TRINITY CDE

Pat and I are sad to say that we will no longer be having the Trinity CDE. We have purchased property on the coast near McKinleyville (just north of Eureka) that is developed for horses. Many of you know that Pat has Lupus and in the past five years she has quit producing tears. As a result she has gone blind in one eye for the last 8 months. The vision is slowly returning and the Dr. told us that we must move to a more moist climate or she will blind. For any of you who competed against her at RamTap she was driving with one eye.

We will be at Lodi competing. Trintiy Driving Center is for sale. I will post pictures in the near future and we

have had some interest. The Fords and the Myers are hoping that a driver buys the place and gets the event going again.

We will miss the event dearly. I have CDE signs for sale if anyone is interested. Please contact us at 530 628-4446 or Dschumaker@mvusd.us (please don't send the list there it is my office in Hayfork.)

We look forward to seeing all of you at the next event, Dave

## PLAY DAY AT SHADY OAKS

I find I am still grinning from ear to ear following a truly wonderful play day at Shady Oaks last weekend. I can't recall a day I enjoyed more. And, from the grins all 'round, I'm not alone.

Now that we all got to have fun playing, it's time to support this wonderful facility. In other words, the CDE is a month away, and volunteers are needed! The "fee" for playing is to show up and HELP. We want Grupes to continue allowing us to come and play, so we need to turn out en masse to support the CDE. I know many of you are entered or are gatering for the event, so this is not really aimed at you (although, if you can provide a helper or 2, that would be great!) If you will be competing, drop me a quick note so I can cross you off my list, and quit bugging you.

For all the rest of you, please contact me or Bonner (bnnrmrphy@aol.com) and tell us when you can come and your preference on jobs.

Come on and join the fun – this is a real class act,

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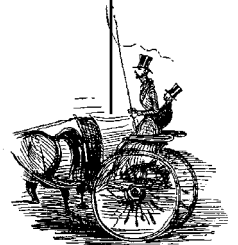
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and it feels great to be part of the action. You get a front row seat, get to learn lots, and spend a day with friends and horses - doesn't get much better than that! Remember, you are not just supporting Grupes, you are supporting all your friends, making it possible for them to compete. We all want this event to continue, so we get a chance to compete there some day.

If you have already signed up, THANK YOU! Please let me know if you have, or if you contact Bonner directly. If I don't hear back from you, you WILL be hearing from me again! Thanks, everyone!  
Gina Miner  
gwminer@AcornNMR.com

## DEAR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS,

In case anyone has had their e-mails returned and been unable to access our website, I wanted to get a message out to explain.

Our internet based business, Carriage Driving Essentials which is located in Mariposa, CA, has been the victim of an unscrupulous web hosting company who decided to close their doors literally over night and without warning to their customers. Many other businesses across the country have also fell victim as did Carriage Driving World Magazine and CarriageDriving.net. Our website is completely gone as is the Western Regional Carriage Driving Calendar that I have worked so hard to maintain. This is devastating to say the least and will take a very long time to get back together. We have signed up with a new web hosting company and will have our business e-mail addresses up shortly. It will be a while before [www.carriagedrivingessentials.com](http://www.carriagedrivingessentials.com) is back up and running again. We will post our progress as we become functional again.

I want you to know that we are definitely still in business and able to take your calls. You can reach us by phone at 209-966-4499 Pacific time.

Thank you so much for your understanding and support!  
Celine & Gary Rickards

## INAVALE CDE

I want to let everyone know that a new event is being planned for July 2-6, 2008. It is tentatively named the Inavale CDE. The folks that are spearheading it are in the process of signing on an organizer, secretary and judges right now. It will be held at Inavale Farm in Philomath, OR which is an hour north of Eugene. This is a link to the farm, [www.inavalefarm.com](http://www.inavalefarm.com) It is an active eventing venue and they are willing to have the CDE there and make it work for drivers. A very exciting development for us Westerners!

I just wanted to give everyone the heads up to mark your calendar!

Kanoë Durdan  
kanoed@earthlink.net

## PLEASE ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR

Joe Daehling's picnic and drive. October 14 Contact Joe Daeling at 916/685-4965

Marsoe LaRose clinic at Clay Station Horse Park Nov. 16-18, Dec. 14-16. Contact Debbi Packard 916/687-7948



## PROFILE OF THE MONTH NCDC CHAIR, LIZ HENDRICK

You know LIZ! She is the one who tells the best stories with that charming English accent and infectious laugh! To know Liz is to find a very funny person with warmth, kindness, good sense, and a big heart. As I walked around Liz's home on an acre and a half of rolling hills and paddocks in Marin County, Novato, California to do this interview, I went on a trip into Liz's past. Inside, there were horses and horse memorabilia everywhere, even a mechanical horse with a hand-made saddle that plays the theme from Lone Ranger

for a ten cent deposit and the most beautifully crafted rocking horse that Liz had especially made and delivered from England. There were photos of Liz flying through the air over jumps on her beloved Whiskey, bridles, harnesses, and helmets hanging neatly on the walls, and ribbons, ribbons, and more ribbons. Looking outside the kitchen window over the back yard with the inviting swimming pool is a four stall barn with her five special horses.

Liz was born in London and raised in Sale, England, a suburb of Manchester, and came to the US when she was 25 years old. She rode horses as a child, bought her first horse at 30 years of age and eventually got serious about Eventing, taking many a down bank into water, including RamTap 6 years ago.

After finally giving up Eventing in 2002, Liz started driving and doing CDE's quite by accident. Two miniature horses, Shorty and Popper, came to her house for her step-daughter Emily's birthday party and they and their carts never left. Liz found herself and her "horse harem" with two driving mini's. It was when she attended an event at Woodside Horse Park in 1997 that she discovered Combined Driving and became completely enthralled. She competed in Combined Driving Events with her home bred horse, Dusty, and only stopped due to Dusty becoming lame. Finally, it was the mini's turn to strut their stuff and Liz then entered the world of VSE division and joined the spotlight of miniature horse drivers with Shorty. Liz is now hoping to get her two mini's driving as a pair. In fact, she has already bought the new pairs mini marathon four wheel vehicle, laughingly saying she is aware she has put the cart before the horse!

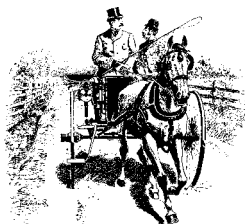
Liz describes having organized her life to have interesting work which suited her and her lifestyle. Never wanting to work in an office, she managed a restaurant at the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club while living in Prunedale, California for 16 years where, she says, her "customers all thought of her as her bosses." That was quite an accomplishment managing 16 years worth of customer service in the yachting world!

Interestingly and appropriately fitting her desired lifestyle for the past 4 years, Liz has worked with Artaurus Veterinary Clinic in Petaluma, California going from ranch to ranch with the vet, Dr. Robert Steere, helping him provide care for every kind of horse. Liz says that although the work is physically challenging, she enjoys visiting all the ranches and seeing the interesting horse set-ups. As in aside, I must report that when I took my own horse to Dr. Steere's clinic, when they all discovered I knew Liz from the driving club, they exclaimed "she is the greatest thing that ever happened to us!"

It was in 1991 during the time of "life in Prunedale" that Liz met her second husband, Jim, and father of 7 year old Emily. Liz was living in a "cherried-out" 1970 Fleetwood trailer with add-ons. She gives one of those full out laughs, throwing her head back, saying, "the

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nicest double-wide in Prunedale, mind you!”

Eventually Liz and Jim moved together to their Novato home in 1993 where Liz could keep her horses and be a “Show Step-Mom” to Emily, and Jim could continue to commute to his law practice in San Francisco. Jim, by the way, loves horses and has recently been seen on the back step of Liz’s carriage with her newly leased Morgan horse, Kimmie. Liz states that Jim was also a totally involved Show Dad for his daughter Emily, and is now getting his “adventure fix” from navigating for Liz. Actually, I initially saw Jim on Jay Hubert’s back step, so I wouldn’t be surprised if Jay had been an

inspiration “or co-conspirator?” for Jim’s entry into the navigator’s role.

Needless to say, meeting with Liz in her lovely, country home of rolling hills and horses inside and out was a delightful experience, a “hoot” as Liz would say! If you have never heard Liz tell a story and you want to be thoroughly entertained with lots of laughs, find Liz and ask her to tell you about her life in the double-wide!

Submitted by Jeanie Hays member NCDC and J’s Ranch O’Minis

Stay tuned for more interesting profiles! Who will be next?!



Photo by Debra Smith

## CLAY STATION DRESSAGE EXTRAORDINAIRE

Debbi, Stan Packard and I would like to thank everyone that came out to the Dressage Extraordinaire. It was a wonderful weekend. Great people, beautiful horses and fantastic food coming together, how much more can you ask for. Many thanks to the judges, Micki Bowen and Jodi Cutler. Also thanks to the following people that made the Dressage Extraordinaire possible. Organizer Jay Hubert, TD Gregg Cutler, Secretary Paula Frazier, Cook Stacy Tancel, Announcer Buck Scholderer and all the volunteers that helped out during the weekend.

The judges watched 84 total driving tests. There were 96 scheduled but there were some cancellations. And if you missed the musical cur you really missed something special. Jenni Haas drove a test with her three Hackneys. That’s right three! Maple and Ricky, followed by baby Nelson. The music was Mary Lou and Garden Party sung by, you guessed it, Ricky Nelson.

Thanks again to everyone that came out,  
Linda Jeffery

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2007 CALENDAR

Oct 4-7 *Note date change!* Shady Oaks CAI-B\*ADS, FEI Prelim, Int. & Adv. <http://www.shadyoaksevents.com/>  
Lodi, CA Bonner Murphy 209.462.2209 [bnrmrphy@aol.com](mailto:bnrmrphy@aol.com)  
October 14 Joe Daehling's picnic and drive in Elk Grove. Contact Joe Daeling at 916/685-4965  
Oct 20-21 Halloween Hustle  
Oct 27-28 Mary Susan Brown Memorial/Reunion driving weekend Madera, CA Jack McKee  
Oct 27-28 Horse Driving Trials – Finals Clay Station Horse Park Wilton, CA Debbi Packard, 916-687-7948 [claystationhorsepark@frontiernet.net](mailto:claystationhorsepark@frontiernet.net)  
Nov 3-4 ADS Meeting and Meeting of the Minds Woodland Hills, CA Veronica Campbell [t.v.campbell@verison.net](mailto:t.v.campbell@verison.net)  
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