



Carriage Tracks

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*To Perpetuate and Promote the Safe Use of the Equine in
Harness for Pleasure, Recreation and Sport*

September 2003

New Members

Jane Moody, Winters, CA. 530.795.1195.
Jane reports that she began her horisie ways with the Pony Club, eventing, and dressage—all ridden. But last year she went to Shady Oaks and said, "This is for me!!!" Jane says, "I have a 12.2H pony that is not yet ready for primetime, so Beverly Means has lent me Scooby, an American Shetland, 10.3hh, to drive until my Hackney is ready. My ponies live with Debra and Thomas Smith who have so far been successful at keeping my soul and body together while driving." Hey, Jane, welcome to the gang!

Chester and Christa Stegman, 20 Hidden Valley Road, Lafayette CA 94549 925.234.9114. But this is all your editor knows. C'mon, Chester and Christa, give us a bit more info, so we can get to know you!

Bob and Nancy Weinzinger, 1374 Hwy 70, Oroville, CA 95965. 530.846.3003. Bob and Nancy have joined as a family, and would like to participate in pleasure drives with their horse and cart and carriage. They are new to driving, and are interested in investigating what the NCDC has to offer!

Renewals

Sally Baker, Jean Bettin, Clair Clyde, Arlea Cone, Christie Crawford, Mike Dowd and Sharon Waite, Anna Marie Fitzgerald, Sue Grant Duffield, Carolyn Harris, Judi Leavelle-King, Mary Love, Sharon Truax, and Mary Wiltse.

Minutes from August 17 Meeting

The meeting of Northern California Driving Club was called to order at 4:05pm on August 17, 2003 by Chairman Pat Scholderer at Silverbend. Twenty-seven people were in attendance and Pat announced that there was a quorum.

New members were introduced:

Linda Pittman, who drives a mule;
Carol Sweet from Modesto who drives a paint horse;
Bunny Riley from Monterey County
Jane Moody

Jody Cutler was thanked on behalf of the club for judging the Traditional Day of Driving (TDD) on this date. It was pointed out that she is also President of the American Driving Society. Pat also thanked the volunteers who worked at this event.

Announcement: All M.O.L.D.S. were to stay after the meeting to have their picture taken.

New Business: Elections. Officers were elected by unanimous vote as follows:

Vice Chairman: Jean Terry
Secretary: Sally Baker
Newsletter Editor: Sue Grant Duffield
Motion by Buck Scholderer, Second by Barry Freeman.

Treasurer's Report:

Gina Miner reported that the Treasury

balance is \$3,874.56. TDD expenses and income are not included.

Buck Scholderer moved, seconded by Jay Hubert, that the Treasurer's report be approved. Motion passed.

Old Business:

The Carriage Association of America (CAA) notified us that NCDC can become an associate member if at least 20 of our members are also members of CAA. Pat requested that as the attendance sheet was passed among the people attending this meeting that they also note whether they are CAA members. Five people indicated that they were members of CAA. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

The Yuba River Trail correspondence was tabled until the next meeting.

A motion was presented by Susan Christiansen and seconded by Mike Dowd that the CDE Camp event tentatively scheduled at Hiskens' Eventful Acres on October 11 and 12 be canceled due to conflict in date with other activities. Motion passed. This activity may be rescheduled in Spring, 2004.

Club Website Maintenance:

Gina Miner is in the process of putting the NCDC By-laws on the club website.

Discussion ensued on whether the club should put a list of Trainers on the website. It was generally determined that it may be a liability to the club and that Trainers who are club members can advertise in the Newsletter at no cost in the Classified section or in the Business Ads for a nominal fee. The entire fee schedule is in the Newsletter.

Pat called for ideas for activities for next year, 2004. Suggestions for future agenda items were:

Traditional Day of Driving; Arena Driving Trial; Dressage Festival (Shelley Chavoor), ADS approved Driving Trial (one day) with dressage, cones, marathon, limited to 25 participants (Jay Hubert); organized trip to a

major driving event (Sharon Truax); Driven Dressage Clinic (Sharon Waite).

Jay Hubert moved, with second by Joe Dahling, that \$250 be sent to the Central Valley Rails to Trails Foundation. Discussion: Per Joe Dahling, an abandoned railroad is being developed into trails south of the Sacramento area and our club is showing support with intent that it be used for carriage driving as part of the non-motorized multi-use trail system. Motion passed.

Sharon Waite moved, with second by Jay Hubert, that the Central Valley Rails to Trails Foundation be adopted as beneficiary of one of our 2004 activities and be put on the next meeting agenda. Motion passed.

The next meeting will be held at the Shady Oaks CDE on Saturday after the wine and cheese tasting event. The meeting was closed at 5:10pm.

Submitted by Sally Baker, acting Secretary

Minutes from Sept. 6 Meeting

5:36 PM, 9/6/2003. (At the Garlic CDE in Gilroy) Meeting called to order by the Chair. 22 members were in attendance.

Chair presented the issue of the vote at the Aug 17th meeting canceling the proposed Hiskens weekend because of conflict with Joe Daehling's ranch drive.

Corie Brooks moved that NCDC rescind the previous vote canceling the proposed Hiskens weekend. Motion seconded by Carole Sweet.

Discussion followed:

It is important that it is made clear to Joe that this is not a rejection of his activity. Gina Miner read comments from several members not present but who had taken the time to voice their opinions.

Vote was called; 17 in favor, 3 opposed;
motion carried.

Judi Leavelle-King made a motion to put the Hiskens weekend on the NCDC calendar for Oct 11-12. Motion seconded by Jean Terry.

Discussion followed:

Gina Miner mentioned issues of etiquette, financial commitment required in advance for some club events, and that degree of conflict may be a factor. Judi Leavelle-King expressed appreciation that officers listened to its members' request to revisit this issue. Marcia Patterson suggested that in the future, the club might consider changing the bylaws to allow mail-in voting. Pat Scholderer mentioned, regarding the next meeting at Shady Oaks, that they charge for admission, (for spectators) which could deter members who might want to attend the meeting. Mike Proto-Robinson voiced his opinion that the club should embrace multiple different types of events, and conflicting dates should not be a problem, because we want to facilitate as many different activities as possible to appeal to the diverse membership. Corie Brooks stated that the events in question are different in nature, reducing the degree of conflict. Harriet Merritt said that the important issue is with similar events (there might be) possible financial impact if participation is reduced due to a conflicting event. Jean Terry pointed out that the club made a verbal commitment to Hiskens for that weekend. Sue Grant Duffield reinforced the issue of our commitment to Hiskens.

Chair called for the vote; 17 in favor, 2 abstentions; motion carried.

Volunteers were requested for a committee to organize the weekend at Hiskens. Judi Leavelle-King, Liz Hendrick, Harriet Merritt, Jean Terry, Gina Miner, Marcia Patterson and Sue Grant Duffield volunteered.

6:20 PM 9/6/2003 Buck Scholderer moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Debra Smith. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Miner

Financial Report on Day of Traditional Driving

20 entries, including two who scratched.

Total Entry Fees:	\$993.00
Sponsorships:	\$120.00

Expenses:	
Judge:	\$200.00
Use Fee:	\$500.00
Drug Fee:	\$54.00
Awards:	\$113.14
Insurance:	\$51.60

Total expenses:	\$918.74
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<u>Net Income to NCDC:</u>	<u>\$74.26</u>
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Other recent club expenses:

Annual insurance:	\$469.46
Newsletter expenses:	\$200.00
Donation to Central Valley Rails to Trails:	\$250.00

<u>Current Balance:</u>	<u>\$4208.82</u>
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Things You Need To Think About:

Activities for next year. Some have been suggested, (see minutes, above) but there may be others that you're just dying to see. Now is the time to bring them up, so when the Meeting of the Minds happens, where all the activities for next year in California are listed, all of our choices will be put out there. The Meeting of the Minds is designed to reduce or eliminate both conflicts and duplications of effort. It's attended by representatives from most of the driving organizations on the West Coast. This way you don't end up with three CDE's on the same weekend, within an hour's drive from one another.

Preserving trails and Promoting Use by Driving Horses. This is a somewhat unofficial effort at this point, but your humble editor feels that it is very important. Too many trails are planned

without us in mind. And too many have “No Vehicles” signs on the gates. They may have not even thought of carriages as vehicles, but when it comes to enforcement, this is what we are lumped in with. We need to keep our eyes open for trails being developed, so we can add our input, and we need to look for suitable trails that we can request be changed to “No Vehicles Except for Horse Carriages!” I will act as organizing officer for a committee, and Shela Greenlaw has volunteered to be Keeper of the Records. We would like a few brave men and/or women! If you’re the Right Stuff, give me a shout at rversend@mcn.org, or at 707.964.7824.

From Gina Miner, regarding the holding of meetings at CDE’s:

These events are really too busy to allow for meetings. Even when we do have them, they are rushed because everyone has to go clean harness, walk hazards, etc. Pat brought up another problem - we usually hold meetings at the big events because so many of the members are expected to be there. But the big events are CDEs, and that means we are sort of slanting the attendance toward those who are interested in CDEs.

I don't have a solution. The membership is so spread out that people would have to give up an entire day to attend, and most of us are just too busy to be willing to do that. We do get a good turnout for the January Planning meeting, partly because it's an important meeting (working out the year's calendar, deciding what events we want to put on) and because the weather is usually lousy so we aren't all out driving.
Ideas??

Past Events

Henry Boyd CDE, at Woodside, CA.

The comments overheard by this editor were very positive. There was some excitement, as two horses decided to Go Their Own Way. Buck tells the story of how one of the runaways

was convinced to stop: “Hats off to a farrier named John who literally “tackled” a galloping horse hitched to a vacant Kuhnle! He brought the whole mess down on top of himself and only suffered some scratches. If I ever have to fight, I want that guy on my side! That’s one tough hombre!” Other than these two incidents, all went fairly smoothly, in large part due to some Herculean effort by some of the volunteers, who filled in the gaps in the organizational plan. Way to go, folks!

Nancy Durham, driving Arab/Hackney “Panache Prima,” took second in Training, Single Pony. Corie Brooks, driving her Morgan “Jazz,” took third place in Training, Single Horse. Third place in Prelim, Single Pony was won by Phyllis Grupe, driving her Hackney Pony “Flying Colors.” Pat Schumaker, driving Fjord pair “Arne” and “Brig” took the honors in Prelim, Pair Ponies. Leslie Berndt drove “Rio,” her American Sport Horse, to first place in Prelim, Single Horse. In Prelim, Pair Horse, Fritz Grupe rounded out the family’s supply of ribbons by placing second with his Holsteiners, “Rico” and “Limbo.” And, of course, Jay Hubert swept the field in Prelim, Tandem Ponies, with “Filly” and “Sammy,” his two Welsh Section A ponies. So NCDC members were well-represented among the winners. Congratulations all!

The Day of Traditional Driving

This event was held at Silverbend, in the beautiful California Delta country. This ranch is owned by Bob and Debbie Kirtlan, who pulled out all the stops to welcome the NCDC drivers. Trails were groomed and an arena was prepared just in time to be put to use as the cones course. And Debbie approached the two VSE entries, after the drive, to inquire as to the suitability of the trails for the VSE’s. Now THIS was service! I think we all learned a lot from Jody Cutler, our judge, and we hope she enjoyed the day as much as we did. The weather was mild,

and gigantic trees shaded the main hub of activity. The food was to die for! The general consensus is that we would all like to return the next day for another Day of Traditional Driving.

The 1st place award for the VSE class was a nice harness bag donated by B & D Enterprises (Bill and Diane Calderon). B&D carries Frontier EZ Entry carts and supplies, harness, and driving equipment in Lincoln, CA. Won by Sue Grant Duffield driving Nancy Turner's (very speedy!) Mini, Raisin.

The 1st place award in each of the other 3 classes was a lovely stained glass plaque made by Marie McKee. Thank you, Marie!

Rolling Pony Farm (Sharon Waite and Mike Dowd) sponsored the 2-wheeled vehicle class, won by Kathy Freeman and Spats, with the high score of the day.

Nifty (Jane and Terry Merritt) sponsored the 4-wheeled vehicle class, won by Nancy Durham, who also had the high-scoring Turn-out.

The London Pub, in Monterey (Bunny Riley, Proprietor) sponsored the Multiples class, won by Joe Daehling driving a pair of palomino quarter horses.

Mother Lode Champs—Results Now In!

The following are the results of the Mother Lode Circuit Driving Competition Championship which was won (for the third year) by Leslie Berndl driving Rio with Kathy Freeman driving Spats (Coffing Oaks Knight Music) taking Reserve Champion. The points race was very close and had to be decided by the final event (Gambler's Choice) at Amador County Fairgrounds on 7-23-03.

Other NCDC members who competed and did well in this three show circuit were:

Mike Dowd
Sharon Waite
Harriet Merrit
Joe Kasza

Garlic Classic CDE at Gilroy

If anyone wants to read a truly elegant report on the doings in Gilroy, please see Jane Anne Merritt's wonderful post on the list. Your editor was there, but due to two nights of sleep deprivation, she's not really SURE that she was there.

The results, according to Buck:

Training Single Pony:

Katie Ball, (wearing her MOLDIT Lime Green!!!) and Shirley, 4th. Way to go, Katie!

Kathy Freeman and Spats, 5th
Jane Moody and Scooby, 6th

Training, Single Horse:

Shelly Chavoor and Tanz, 2nd

Jennifer Sperry and Shafter Pride, (now Officially retired!) 5th

Mellissa Tozzi, and Finnegan, 6th

Prelim Single Pony

Phyllis Grupe, and Flying Colors, 2nd

Debra Smith and Watts, 4th

Bob Ashworth and Potiquimi Beag Fia, 6th

Prelim Single Horse

Leslie Berndl and Rio, 1st (Is winning getting a bit monotonous for you, Leslie? LOL!)

Corie Brooks and Jazz, 6th

Prelim Pair Horses

Fritz Grupe with Rico and Limbo, 1st

Leslie and Rio were Preliminary Division Champions! BTW, Rio, after cutting her leg on a caulk, is just fine. Thanks to EMT Mom!

Shelly Chavoor and Tanz turned in the Best Training Level Cones performance. (And Shelly gets the Fashion Police's nod for most appropriate undergarments!)

Bonnie Sublett and Mistress took Best Preliminary Level Cones.

WAY TO GO, NCDC! Woohoo!

Future Events

Pleasure drive at the Daehling Ranch. October 12, Elk Grove

This is the 26th annual fall drive at the ranch, and Joe has lots of goodies in store for you: wonderful, scenic driving with two water crossings and a wooden bridge, an authentic Mexican feast for lunch, and the participation of the artillery unit of the Civil War re-enactment group. For the faint-of-heart, the canon will be left at home, and the 6-horse hitch will pull a more sedate wagon. No booming canon noises to de-sensitize your horse—darn!

For reservations, send a \$15 check to Joe, or call for further information:

Joe Daehling
10045 Grant Line Road
Elk Grove, CA 95624
916.685.4965

So here is a wonderful pleasure drive, if you aren't one of those CDE nuts. A lovely drive through the fall countryside is just the thing for relaxation and stress-reduction! And your editor has it on good authority that lunch will be prepared by a gourmet cook! A relaxed soul and a full tummy. What could be better?

CDE Adrenaline-junkies can get their fix in an entire weekend of CDE clinics, with time to sit down and catch up on all the latest from fellow enthusiasts. Eventful Acres is a beautiful venue, and this is a chance to get away from it all for a whole weekend!

CDE Camp at Oregon House, October 11&12, 2003

Things are going to be coming together really fast on this one, so please check with Gina Miner for the latest details or to sign up. This is a "boot strap" event, so all jobs will be done by the participants! Everyone is welcome, even if you choose not to participate in the organized program.

Saturday will focus on dressage and cones. Each participant will have 15-20 minutes for dressage, which will include driving a test and critique immediately following. We will have a cones course set up to drive at will for practice.

Sunday will focus on hazards. Each person will have 1 hour in which to practice driving 5 hazards. There will be timers at each hazard. Everyone will also take a turn at being a hazard timer. Participants will be asked to volunteer for jobs, which include: dressage scribe, dressage gate-keeper, hazard designer, cones timer & setter, cones course set-up, meal planner & buyer, helpers for all meals.

You can camp next to your horse, who will have his own pen under the trees, but there are no hook-ups. You can rent a trailer (on site) for the weekend. (530.692.0919) NCDC member Jean Bettin runs a lovely, nearby B&B for those who desire more luxurious accommodations! (530.675.2228, jbettin@gct21.net)

Stabling is in paddocks, but no bedding is provided. However, hay and bedding is available there to purchase.

Cost – The entry fee is \$85 per turnout, which includes the use fee for Sat and Sun. There is an \$8 use fee for each additional person, per day. If you arrive Fri, and don't ride/drive on Fri, there is no additional charge. But if you plan to ride or drive on Friday, there is an additional \$30 use fee per turnout.

Meals:

Continental breakfast will be provided on Saturday and Sunday

Lunches on Saturday and Sunday are \$5 each. Dinner on Saturday is \$10.

Meals will have to be paid for in advance, as the shoppers need the number of mouths to be fed.

Information and entry form:

<http://www.acornnmr.com/ncdc/CDEcamp.htm>

or call Gina Miner 925-371-5325

Classifieds

Horses, Ponies

FOR SALE: Pair of 6yr old Bay Sec B Welsh Ponies mares. Amish broke. Wants ponies to stay together. Not sure yet if their harnesses go with or not. Contact Jean Terry at 530-743-3605 or riverrockcobs@yahoo.com

HORSE & TACK SALE in Herald:

September 27, 9AM-3 PM Sale Presentation 12 Noon. Tack spaces available. Ten quality Morgans and Paints for sale. Call Laura at (209) 748-5570 in Herald or view SeaRoseRanch.com

MORGANS

Bay Morgan Mare (5 yr) drives and rides. Shown in hand and under saddle – hunt seat. Great mount for an advanced amateur or CDE potential. Fun and fast ride. \$8,000. Also gorgeous (5yr) chest. Gelding. Drives only, but good CDE prospect. Very willing. \$3500 (Negotiable) Laura at (209) 748-5570

PAINTS

15.2 Tobiano – classic chestnut mare plus breeding back to Ultimate Proof 2004. \$3,500. 16H stunning sorrel mare – very tall and elegant. \$3,500. Both registered mares are trained to ride but used only as breeding stock by current owner. Great and attentive mothers. Easy foaling within 24 hours and produce beautiful babies. Ultimate Proof 2003 chestnut colt-very special weanling: smart, great legs and built. Lots of personality! \$2,000. Laura at (209) 748-5570

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Call Michelle Mills at 209-366-1400 or email us at shadyoaks@lodinet.com or please view our website at www.shadyoaksevents.com
Picture available upon request.

Vehicles

For Sale: BENNINGTON BUCANEER COMPETITOR. 2 wheel. Black with natural wood dash. 48" wheels. Adjustable seat with mechanical screw for setting balance. Two sets shafts: 70" & 80". Removable back step. Semi-elliptic parabolic springs. Very little use. Excellent condition. Suitable for CDE's. \$3500/OBO. Mary Love. 510.841.7951, or, Hoedog2@attbi.com

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Calendar of Events 2003

Sep 18-21	Grass Valley Draft Horse Classic www.nevadacountyfair.com Grass Valley, CA Sandy Woods 530.273.6217 draffhorseclassic@nevadacountyfair.com
Sep 27	Shandoni Ranch Show w/driving classes Elverta, CA Doreen Irwin 916.991.5232 Dirwin6839@aol.com
Oct 1	ADS Omnibus deadline
Oct 3-5	California Classic ADS-CDE at Shady Oaks www.shadyoaksevents.com Lodi , CA Michelle Mills 209.366.1400 michellemills@shadyoaks.com
Oct 12	Daehling Ranch Annual Picnic Drive, Elk Grove CA. contact Joe 916-685-4965
Oct 11-12	CDE Camp at Eventful Acres, Oregon House, CA. See newsletter for info, or contact Gina Miner at gina@acornnmr.com .
Oct 18-19	Mighty Mini (Miniature Horse) ADS-CDE Bakersfield, CA Doug and Renee True 559.582.3694 Dtrue@kings.k12.ca.us
Nov 7-8	California Draft Horse & Equipment Sale, Moved to Tulare, contact Carlsons Sales & Services 209-668-1011
Dec 6	8th Annual High Tea & Drive at WSS Woodland, CA Shelly Chavoor 530.753.6761 or Tina Haas 530.668.5613 vetsunny@aol.com

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information on driving throughout our region. Visit our website at:

<http://www.acornnmr.com/ncdc>

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The 20th of each month is the deadline for submissions and corrections.

Advertising Fees

Members: Classifieds are free, with a max. of 35 words. All classified ads to be renewed on a monthly basis.

Business card ads:\$20.00 (minimum10 issues)
Business ads (per issue):

1/4 page: \$5.00 1/2 page: \$10.00

Non-Member : Classified are \$ 5.00 per issue with a max. of 35 words.

Business Card Ads: \$45.00 / yr (min.10 issues)
Business ads (per issue)

1/4 page: \$10.00 1/2 page: \$20.00

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