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# WHIP'SNAPPER

*Driving Society of Southern California*

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WS member Ann McClure along with her Morgan, Bow and dog Rango are enjoying life at Black Prong in Florida

Hi y'all,

The time at Black Prong is coming to an end so I'm going to temporarily take over Ann's blog and give you an insider's report :-), a little different from the trail driving-butterfly watching-alligator hunter stories. I can say that Miss Ann, as she is called by BP folks, is having the time of her life! I don't think I've ever seen her so happy and engaged with everyone. She fits right in with the other residents and enjoys all the social activities that take place, camp fires, pool parties, potlucks, and the like. Everyone enjoys seeing her and little Rango, either on the atv or the back of the carriage. I'm not sure Rango knows his life might be in danger sometimes! Miss Ann has figured everything out on her own and hasn't needed any help from me! She has new friends from all over the US and Canada, and many more stories to tell. It's my understanding that she's headed to South Carolina soon, but she will have to give you the details. So, I think this has been a wonderful experience for her. And with that, I hand this back to its regular programming!

Mar 28 Tasha

March 18

Drove to Grand Oaks and watched clinic lesson with Tor?. He's from Australia via Europe. He was super and very positive with good information. He said he liked how Tasha and Danny suited each other. He liked how he saw much of that in US compared to Europe. I had to grin when he told someone you never fight with a Hackney.

The drive there was something else. It was like driving through Southern California before there were freeways. I was so happy I was just in the truck and not pulling the trailer.

Had a nice drive in the forest when I got back. Very busy on the grounds for it was set up time for the CDE. Bill, Kim and Mark arrived. Mark looked good  
.Ann



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10<sup>th</sup> of the month.*

*FROM YOUR PRESIDENT*



Hello All,

Happy Spring! I hope this finds you well.

Check out our website as it has a couple of activities that people might be interested in.

Also the Driving Derby and Play Day at Miller Mitchell Ranch will now be on Saturday May 7th.

After two years of no Ventura County Fair. it is happening this year. August 5th, 6th 7th is the Draft and Carriage Show.

This is not an ADS show but we do follow the ADS rules. It is a fun show and since it is at the beach it is often on the cooler side. Fingers crossed for cooler weather for the beginning of August.

Come compete, watch or volunteer contact me should you have any questions.

Continue to stay safe and healthy,

Happy Trails,  
Jennifer

*FROM YOUR EDITOR – Veronica Campbell*



Hello Everyone, I hope you all had a great Easter. Ours was hectic but so much fun with all of the family here.

As you know I am trying to give you a running story our member Ann McClure and she seems like it has been a great trip so far.

I've tried to keep the chronology but I'm sure there may be some glitches. For instance Ann seemed to be intrigued by the cones course so I pictured it on the March 28<sup>th</sup> page, as I did not have space on the correct date. At any rate I hope you enjoy the travel.

I see that the Ventura County Fair is once again on the agenda and for new drivers it's a great place to try your skills.

## FINAL CALL FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Whip'r Snapper Driving Club memberships run from March 1 of the calendar year to February 28 of the following year. Membership fees go toward sponsoring club events, both social and driving, for liability insurance for our events, and insurance for our officers and recognized volunteers. Without insurance we can not continue to operate as a club.

To date 14 of our 76 members have not renewed. That is nearly 20% of the total membership (76). Given that an additional 15% of our members are, and several more will soon be, 80 years of age or older, which entitles them to a well-deserved free lifetime membership, we simply must collect all the membership fees that are due when they are due.

To all those who have already sent in their renewals, thank you so much! For those of you who have not sent in your renewals, please do so now. **Failure to renew by the close of May 2022 will result in your name being removed from the club roster, and you will no longer receive the monthly club newsletter and will be required to pay an extra non-member fee for club shows.**

If you do not plan to renew, if you are or will be 80 years of age in the membership year, or are simply not sure of your renewal status, please contact me and I will be happy to assist you.

Thank you, and safe and happy driving.

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# WHIP'R SNAPPER

*Driving Society of Southern California*

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM 2022-23

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY!!

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADS Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

**Do NOT Distribute In Club Roster** \_\_\_\_\_

ONE-Year: \$30 newsletter via email

\$50 newsletter by post

FOUR-Year: \$100 newsletter via email

\$180 newsletter by post

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO: WHIP'R SNAPPER DRIVING SOCIETY and mail to

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# 2022

## CALIFORNIA & ARIZONA DRIVING EVENT CALENDAR

April 23	Carriage & Buggy show	Thrifty Horse	Saddle & Harness 951-279-2177
April 23	Double D Dressage & Cones	Sargent Equestrian Center; Lodi, CA	<a href="http://sargentequestriancenter.com">sargentequestriancenter.com</a>
April 30 - May 1	Spring HDTs Horse Driving Trials	Clay Station Horse Park Wilton, CA	claystationhorsepark@frontier.net
May 7	Carriage Play Day & Derby	Mitchell Ranch 11001 Longford . LAKE View Terrace	Gabrielle 818-899-6702
May 13 - 15	Sargent Equestrian Center Spring CDE	Sargent Equestrian Center; Lodi, CA	sargentequestriancenter.com
June 18 - 19	Summer Festival CDE	Clay Station Horse Park Wilton, CA	claystationhorsepark@frontier.net
July 23	Carriage Pleasure Show ETI	LA Equistrian Ctr.	Gabrielle 818-899-6702 Eticorralo@yahoo.com
July 30 - 31	Freestyle Double D Dressage & Cones	Sargent Equestrian Center; Lodi, CA	<a href="http://sargentequestriancenter.com">sargentequestriancenter.com</a>
Aug.5-7	Ventura County Fair	Ventura county Fair Grounds	Jennifer Russell 310-869-1384 44jrussell@gmail.com
Aug 6 - 7	Summer HDTs	Clay Station Horse Park Wilton, CA	claystationhorsepark@frontier.net
Sept 9 - 11	Sargent Equestrian Center Fall CDE	Sargent Equestrian Center; Lodi, CA	sargentequestriancenter.com
Sept 17 & 18	ADT 5 & 6 Arena Driving Trials	Atonna's; Paulden, AZ	arizonacarriage.org
Sept 29 - Oct 2	CA Fall Classic CDE & No. American Intermediate Division Championships	Clay Station Horse Park Wilton, CA	claystationhorsepark@frontier.net

October 15 & 16	ADT 7 & 8 Arena Driving Trials	Black Canyon City, AZ	arizonacarriage.org
October 29 - 30	Festival of Driving Pleasure Show	West World Scottsdale, AZ	arizonacarriage.org
October 29 - 30	Halloween HDTs	Clay Station Horse Park Wilton, CA	claystationhorsepark @frontier.net
November 12	<b>Shamrock ADT</b>	Horseman's Center Park, Apple Valley	Veronica Campbell <a href="mailto:t.v.campbell@verizon.net">t.v.campbell@verizon.net</a> 562-431-7264
Nov 19 - 20	Sargent Equestrian Center HDT	Sargent Equestrian Center; Lodi, CA	sargentequestriancenter.com
<b>Dec. 2 - 4</b>	<b>ADS Annual Meeting</b>	<b>Seattle, Washington</b>	<b>americandrivingsociety.org</b>

**GREEN - DENOTES WHIP'R SNAPPER SPONSORED EVENTS**  
Click on the W'rS event and there should be a flyer with more information.

**LIGHT BLUE IS AN ADS SPONSORED EVENT**

**YELLOW IS AN ARIZONA DRIVING & CARRIAGE SOCIETY EVENT**

**DARK BLUE IS A SARGENT EQUESTRIAN CENTER EVENT**

**PURPLE IS A CLAY STATION HORSE PARK EVENT**

Saddle and Harness Association is scheduling shows with driving classes at Ingall's Park, Norco, CA on Feb. 27, March 20, May 15, June 26, Sept. 11 and Oct. 23.

Note: some dates and events are tentative, check with the local club or sponsoring organization for more information and updates as the year progresses.

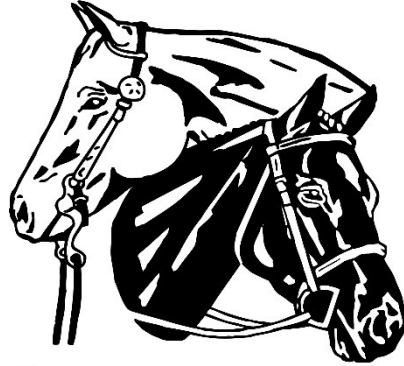
## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

## CHERYLN PETTIGREW

We look forward to seeing you as a competitor, volunteer or spectator at our upcoming events.

# Carriage & Buggy Show at

## THRIFTY HORSE



Sixth St. • Norco, CA • 951-280-0294

**Join us Saturday April 23, 2022**

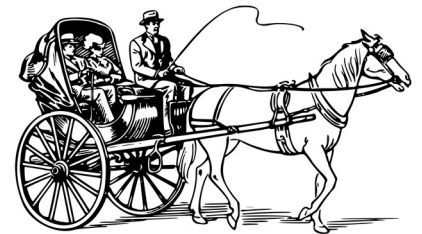
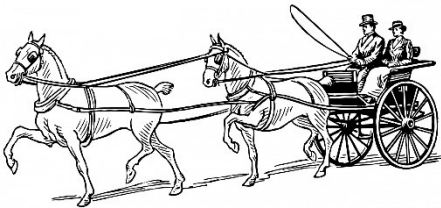
**10:00am to 1:00pm**

**FOOD, SHOPPING & FUN!**

**Set Up 8-9:15**

**Judging 10:00-12:00**

**Awards 1:00pm**



**Prizes awarded through 3<sup>rd</sup> place in multiple categories.**

**Please NO horses.**

**Sponsored by: Saddle & Harness Association**

**Questions? Please Call (951)279-2177**



# WHIP'R SNAPPER

## *Driving Society of Southern California*

The Whip'r Snapper Driving society of Southern California was founded in 1989 to promote the sport of driving and to educate the public about driving, safety and to include the public in our activities and events. We are a non-profit organization and a recognized organization of the American Driving Society (ADS).

More than 100 Whip'r Snapper members represent a variety of skills and interest in driving activities; including serving as officials, organizers and volunteers at events or participating in combined driving, pleasure driving, arena driving, driven dressage or just driving for sport and pure enjoyment.

We also have members who build and restore carriages of all types and distribute a variety of driving equipment. We have several members who are ADS officials and drivers on all levels as well as novice drivers who are just getting started and benefit from the help and advice of veteran drivers.

Numerous events are offered throughout the year to accommodate the varied interests of our members and the driving community.

We sponsor two pleasure shows 'Pleasure Days' in early summer, and the 'Halloween Hustle' in October and the 'Sweetheart Arena Driving Trial' in February. We host a variety of events and clinics covering all phases of driving.



You can look forward to pleasure and picnic drives and show with the club throughout the year. We also support driving events sponsored and hosted by other clubs and organizations throughout the western states. Members receive discounted entry fees at club sponsored events and a monthly newsletter, which includes a listing of upcoming events in the Southern California area, educational articles, classified ads and other items of general interest to our membership.

### ***Membership Application Form***

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$30 per year for members receiving their newsletter via email
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 per year for members receiving their newsletter via US Postal Office
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 for a four year membership; receiving their newsletter via email
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$180 for a four year membership; receiving their newsletter via US Postal Office
- \_\_\_\_\_ Check if you don't want your information shared with other members

Note your interests: ( ) Recreational Driving, ( ) Combined Driving,  
( ) Competitive Pleasure Driving, ( ) Driven Dressage

Check payable to; **Whip'r Snapper Driving Society**      **Mail to:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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# Carriage Play Day & Derby

7 May 2022

**NEW new  
DATE**



For 3 days prior to event horse must be healthy, symptom free, temp. below 102 degrees F.

Test your driving skill in the derby. Your best time determines placing. Afterwards compete in the carriage games—a fun way to challenge your driving skill. Do one or all five classes! Classes are listed on the entry form. Lunch available for purchase.

## FEES

- \$7 per class or
- \$25 for all classes
- \$8 CA drug fee
- \$10 non-member fee
- \$7 per Derby run (2 runs max.)
- \$5 late entry fee-post 4/23/22

8:30am gate opens; 9:30am Derby start; break; ~12 pm classes begin

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Location: The Mitchell Ranch, 11001 Longford Ave., Lake View Terrace, 91342

Entry form at: [eticorral10.wixsite.com/my-site/forms](http://eticorral10.wixsite.com/my-site/forms)

Contact Gabrielle at [eticorral10@yahoo.com](mailto:eticorral10@yahoo.com) or

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**The cautionary recommendation to postpone  
equine events and limit non-essential movement  
expires on March 31st  
and will not be extended**



CDFA greatly appreciates the support and cooperation of the equine industry in limiting and controlling the spread of EHV-1 infection during the recent California outbreak. The cautionary recommendation to postpone equine events and limit non-essential movement expires on March 31st and will not be extended. Due largely to the equine industry's support in limiting movement, postponing events, and promoting biosecurity at equine facilities, ongoing EHV-1 detections have significantly decreased.

[COMPLETE UPDATE](#)

## The California Dressage Society

is an organization whose purpose is to foster an interest among horsemen in Dressage. The program of the Society is educational, designed primarily to offer a framework in which individuals can progress with the schooling of themselves and their horses. CDS is an opportunity - to share, to experience, to learn and to contribute.

March 19

Spent much of Friday watching Dressage and Saturday the Marathon. Tasha didn't compete but volunteered. I offered to volunteer but wasn't needed. Enjoyed watching Bill and Mark. They are making progress and teamwork is apparent. They were very smooth in the obstacles. They are currently in 4th place and will do cones Sunday on the grass field.

I got to drive Bow both days. Rango goes with me. Trail I was on today had lots of mud and water. Hosed off the carriage when we got back.

Ann

March 20

I spent the morning watching cones. .

Last night it poured with lightning and thunder. Today was perfect for cones warming up afternoon. I saddled up and went exploring. I wanted to check out if a trail I could see from one of the property gates connected to Forest Camp Rd. Yes, it did. Our round trip took an hour and was around 3 miles. We just walked. It will be fine for the carriage. My knees felt it was time to quit. So, I went and enjoyed the pool.

The picture is how Rango and I watched Cones.

Ann

March 21

I mostly just drove down dirt forest rd to paved road and back. They left the cones course up so we could drive it. Mainly saw the forest, logging trucks, 1 vulture, 1 little snake and several different colors of butterflies. Haven't yet spotted pigs or alligators.

Ann

March 24

It started raining last night and still is. A perfect time to curl up and read. Jenni sent a book for Tasha and me to read. Thank you, Jenni it is most enjoyable.

"Seven Sets of Horseshoes: An American Journey " by Lynn Lloyd. It's about her travels across the United States on horseback in 1973. It took her 7 months. She traveled from Pennsylvania to Poway. Does anyone remember reading about her travels? Unfortunately, I don't, maybe because Jamie was only a little over a year old. It does remind one on the many changes since then.

Yesterday I was shopping in Gainesville and finally was able to get all the electrical adapters I need for the air-conditioning to work. Yippee! Thought it rather ironic last night to have the air-condoner on and it raining outside.

I did have a nice drive before rain. Beautiful drive and day after the rain.

Ann





March 25

Beautiful drive and day after the rain.

Can you find the alligator? His tail is close to the camera and his head is pointed away. His body length seemed comparable with Bow's.

There were many and larger water puddles today because of the rain. Drove into the forest and as we trotted past the first water crossing on my peripheral vision, I saw teeth snapped and heard a noisy splash. I went back to try and see better but didn't have any luck. It was probably 3 or 4 feet long. Just a young gator. A little further on I saw an armadillo similar to the area where I saw the first one. I wonder if they were the same. Drove on down to Black Prong Rd hoping to see more animals. Only saw one little water frog besides the usual butterflies and squirrels. When almost back I was really checking out the water crossing looking for the little alligator. Took me a minute to realize that huge dark grey lump was an alligator. He was enjoying the sun and didn't pay any attention to us. Bow could have cared less but we were close to home and he didn't want to stand still which didn't help my picture taking. I'm happy I got anything.

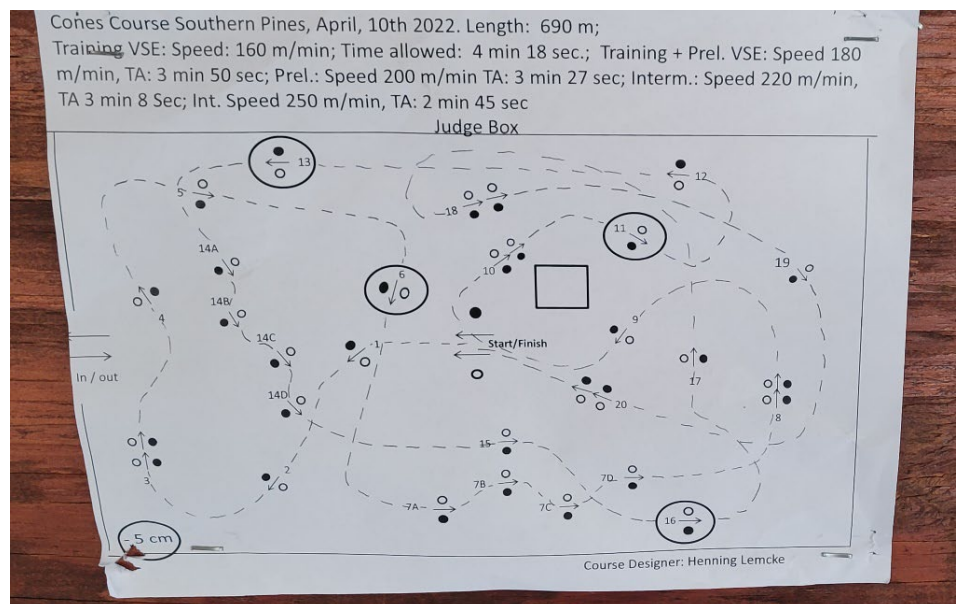


Liz, I keep looking but haven't yet seen alligator tracks.

Ann

March 28

The apparent theory here is alligators aren't interested in large prey. Usually dog size or smaller, but then also everyone seems to respect them and stay out of their way. They say it's mating season and can be vocal. I think we heard a chorus of them on the drive Sunday. It was sounds I've never heard and it didn't sound bird like. It was coming from our right and I couldn't see the pond but was told it was there and very swampy. I'm respecting them.





April 1

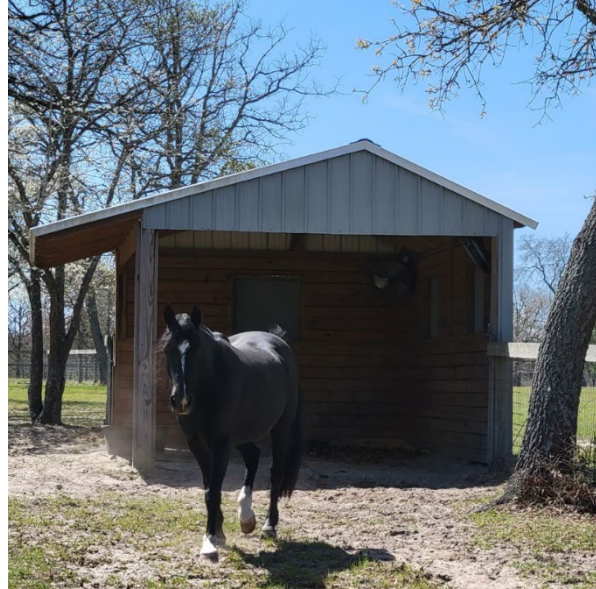
P Packed all day Wednesday and drove to South Carolina Thursday. Only used the windshield wipers a few times. A nice drive and interesting how the country side seems to change at each border crossing.

Bow traveled well. He is happy in a nice large sandy paddock with grass.

Ann

April 8th

This trip is turning out to be an adventure in weather. On my way to the McPhersons, I was lucky with the weather and only had occasional light rain. Around the Florida/Georgia border a huge black cloud with a long dark funnel was ahead of me to the east. I was happy to be following.



The McPhersons had a nice place to park with water and electricity and a huge grass paddock for Bow. They have a beautiful property that backs up to the Woods. Woods here are pine trees and ferns with nice footing and miles of trails very suitable for carriages. Bow and I enjoyed a tour with Ronda and her horse Alex. Bill Allen set me up to take an Obstacle lesson with Taylor Bradish on Saturday at the old Katydid. Saw Mickie Bowen. Sunday Bill and Kim invited me over for dinner. Bill and John are both good cooks. Ronda and I had lessons at her place on Monday. Ronda has 2 Obstacles up and cones at her place, and I used her grass dressage field with Jean Paul. She's so lucky no gophers! John never stops working on the place. Tuesday, we had rain. Wednesday, I packed ahead of the forecasted storm. After lunch we started hearing thunder and seeing lightning but little rain. From around 5pm to 6 am there was heavy thunder, lightning and pouring rain. I'm appreciating that the living quarters of the trailer are well insulated.

Enjoyed the drive up to Southern Pines and the change in scenery. Driving here I'm dependent on the directions of my phone. Most roads are one lane and road signs are difficult to see and may have different names than the map. How do you know if you're going north, south, east or west when all you can see is a tunnel of trees and the sky overhead? Rango is being fairly good.

We arrived at the Carolina Horse Park around 1 just after the Allen's. I was able to unpack, organize and get Bow settled. I put the harness together which I had taken apart and cleaned last November.

Hitched Bow to see if all fit and drove for a few minutes before the 5:00 meeting. Walked the dressage court after and got a pretty good night's sleep. Up early to get Bow ready for our dressage time was 9:11. I was fairly happy with our test. <G> We won since I am the only one in my class CT. Bill Allen and Mark drove after me and they looked super in their new presentation carriage. I stayed hitched and watched. Tasha and Danny have a most beautiful go until close to the last movement and he cantered so a nice score, but it

doesn't represent how good it was. I will volunteer for Marathon, Saturday, drive Cones on Sunday and then drive back to the McPhersons Monday

. Apr 16

Weather wise Ronda and I were both lucky. The rain started as I was almost back to the barn after my dressage and the rain stopped about 15 minutes before Ronda's utility turnout class. The picture is of Ronda and Alex in the second half of Reverse Psychology. We both have blues. Rain is forecasted again for tonight.

Ann

April 17      **Easter**

I hope everyone is having a Happy Easter. I got lucky and the rain forecasted for today arrived very early in the morning and I got up to a beautiful day.

I started with Rango and me attending a Cowboy Service. Bow and I went in two fun games, Town and Country drive and Gambler's Choice. Both were timed event on grass fields. The Gambler's Choice was like no other I've seen. It was done on an Easter Theme. Using your whip objects consisted of knocking chickens off a table, ringing a bell, knocking an Easter egg off a cone, and knocking hanging rabbits out of a person's hand. She had them dangling on a string from each hand stretched out from her body. Very brave of her.



Finally figured out that Bow's and mine connection problem is my new driving gloves. They get slippery as I drive. I won't be using them for driving in the future. I'm getting better at hitching and unhitching the trailer, and loading and unloading.

Ann

Just a few of the sights Ann saw on her journey. **MMMM Grits**

