



To all of our valued CDHMA members from Brian Howay:

Hi Folks,

Since the Tulare Sale wasn't held in November, we've missed the CDHMA fall meeting. We will have a general membership meeting on Saturday, **April 9th at 8:00 am at the Red Top Draft Horse Days**. We hope to see many of you there! We have four Board members going off the board, so we will hold elections, here's your chance to serve the members and have your say!



**Congratulations to our 2015 CDHMA High Point Youth Driver
Abby Partridge!**



**Right: Abby on the right at DraftFest
Left: Abby driving with Grandpa Wally Partridge**

From Up North with Terri Riley:

I can't believe it's almost time for **Red Top, April 8-10!** This is my favorite event of the year. Driving through the almond orchards, riding the Ferris wheel, log skidding and a new event, the driving derby! But most of all, catching up with friends we haven't seen for awhile.

For more info on **Red Top** – including a planned **Tack Swap Meet**, please go to: www.clarksredtopshires.com.
Note: **No horses will be sold at this event.** Tack, harness, farm equipment, wagons. **No horse sales.**

Last year seems like a blur, it went by sooo fast! We finished out the year with the Lake County Show, in August, judged by our own LaDonne Hatley! September 24-27 was The Draft Horse Classic in Grass Valley. Congratulations to **Abby Partridge** for winning the High Point Youth Award, Steve Smith for the Andy Amsbaugh Award and Deb Luis for the Teamster of the Year Award. Sadly, Deb passed away November 27th, from ALS. We'll miss you, Deb. We will also miss Sally Semas who has retired. She has run this show like a well oiled machine. October 10-11 was the pleasure driving show at Clay Station Horse Park, in Wilton, where Bill Pritchett cleaned up with Rosebud! October 24&25 we did a farming exhibition at Steamboat Acres. We had a wonderful time watching Steve Smith drive a 4-up on his road grader!

We lost another great teamster, Fred Polinder, on October 31. Some of you may remember when Fred and Doc Newman use to teach a 4 day driving clinic before the fall sale in Turlock. Fred also did some driving clinics at my place, in Wilton. It was always a joy to learn from him and listens to his stories. We lucked out with the weather in December and had a terrific time driving in the Wilton Christmas Parade (with Cheryl and Bill Pritchett) and Sargent Equestrians Christmas drive.

Now for this year...we have Red Top on April 8-10 and April 30 is the Family Farm Day at the Patrick Ranch. There will be lots of events coming up! Shows, the youth clinic, play days and maybe a ladies clinic! Watch for the next newsletter, in May, for more details. Also check out our website and Facebook page. If you have any questions, please call one of your board members!

CDHMA 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Officers

Unless otherwise noted, these events are NOT sponsored by CDHMA, but listed for your information. Dates are only as accurate as the information we are given. We recommend you call the contact person prior to making plans. Check www.cdhma.org or follow us on Facebook

Apr 8-10	Red Top Draft Horse Days	Chowchilla, CA	www.clarksredtopshires.com
Apr 9 8:00 AM	CDHMA General Membership Meeting and Election of Board members	Red Top Draft Horse Days Chowchilla, CA	www.cdhma.org or contact any Board member for info
Apr 30	Jerry Tindell Driving Clinic	Wilton, CA	Marie 209-748-5233
Apr 30	Family Farm Day	Chico, CA	Patrick Ranch Luke Messenger lucas_messco@hotmail.com
May 21-22	DraftFest	Lodi, CA	Sargent Equestrian Center 209-727-0200 www.sargentequest.com
May 28	Scurry #1	Lodi, CA	Sargent Equestrian Center 209-727-0200 www.sargentequest.com
May 29	Driven Dressage	Lodi, CA	Sargent Equestrian Center 209-727-0200 www.sargentequest.com
June 11	Country Faire and Threshing Bee		Patrick Ranch Luke Messenger lucas_messco@hotmail.com
June 25	Stanislaus County Fair	Turlock, CA	Roger Cleverly www.rogercleverly.com www.stancofair.com
June 26	Scurry #2	Lodi, CA	Sargent Equestrian Center 209-727-0200 www.sargentequest.com
June 30-July 3	Northern Youth Clinic	Wilton, CA	Terri Riley 916-715-2204 jriley35@aol.com
July 17	Scurry #3	Lodi, CA	Sargent Equestrian Center 209-727-0200 www.sargentequest.com
July 27	Amador County Fair	Plymouth, CA	www.amadorcountyfair.com
July 29	Amador Exhibition	Plymouth, CA	www.amadorcountyfair.com
Aug 5-7	Ventura County Fair	Ventura, CA	www.venturacountyfair.org
Sep 22-25	Draft Horse Classic	Grass Valley, CA	nevadacountyfair.com
Oct 8-9	Clay Station Pleasure Show	Wilton, CA	www.claystationhorsepark.com

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