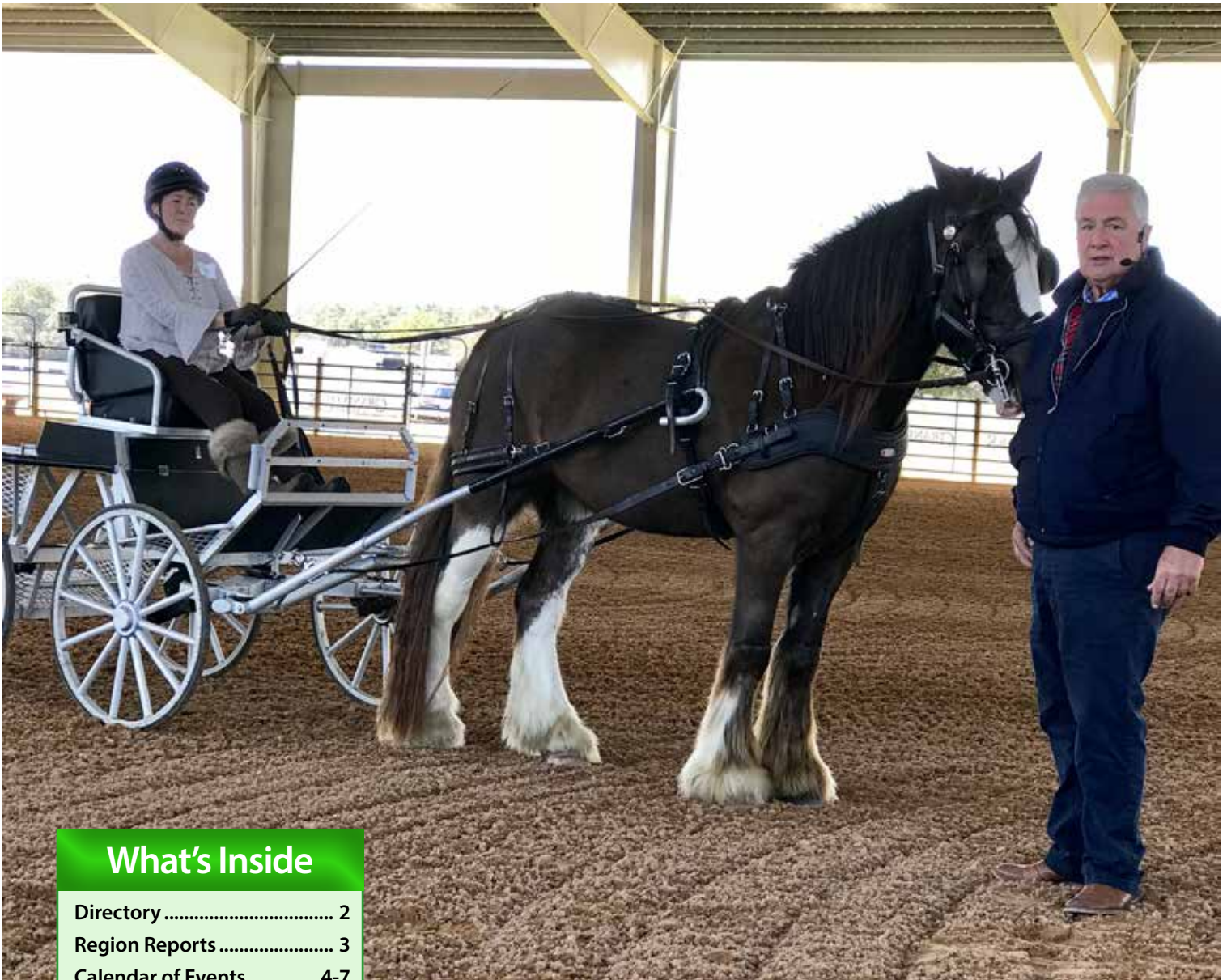




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## SOUTHWEST REGION REPORT

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## SOUTHEAST REGION REPORT

We had a fun event at Jupiter Farms on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Jan and Sali Petri did a great job, as always. Thank you for your time and effort. We had a small group of drivers, but everyone enjoyed doing the cones course Jan set up and driving freely around the park. Thank you to Debra Spark and Purina for donating horse treats, bags and other paraphernalia. Please read the article that Jan wrote about the event.

Our next event will be a Practice Pace Drive at Fechtel Park on February 24, 2018. Please see the flyer that is included in the newsletter. I hope you will join us at this fun event.

Our last event will be a Despooping Clinic on April 14, 2018. Time and place will be announced next month.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!!

*Eloise Nelson,  
SE Region Director*

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



My good friend Francine Lukas and I with Barry Hook at his clinic at Grand Oaks on January 17. What a friendly, humble, and very funny gentleman. We had a great time and learned a lot about Barry's patience with and love for horses.

Thank you to Paul Van Sickle who arranged this clinic and to Tom Warriner who offered the facility for the event.

*Sioux Winter,  
Editor*



## UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Check the Florida Whips Website Calendar for updates at [flawhips.org](http://flawhips.org)

January 2018	Organization	Event Description	Location/Address	Contact
6	FL Whips SE Region	Jupiter Fun Drive <a href="#">FLIER</a> <a href="#">INFO</a> <a href="#">ENTRY</a>	Palm Beach County, Jupiter Farms Park, 16655 Jupiter Farms Rd, Jupiter, FL 33478	Jan / Sali Petri <a href="#">Email</a>
13-14	ADS	Nature Coast HDT <a href="#">Omnibus listing</a>	Black Prong Equestrian Center, Bronson, FL	
13-14	CFBC	Central Florida Buggy Club drive/campout	Hardee Lakes County Park 5502 Ollie Roberts Rd. Bowling Green, FL 33834	Don / Rose Simmers <a href="mailto:rsimmers55@gmail.com">rsimmers55@gmail.com</a>
20-21	FL Whips SW Region	Lessons with Elizabeth Keathley <a href="#">Click here to sign up</a>	Cypress Keep 4909 Stanley Rd, Plant City, FL 33565	<a href="mailto:cypresskeep@gmail.com">cypresskeep@gmail.com</a>
25-28	ADS / USEF / FEI	Palm Tree CDE <a href="#">Omnibus listing</a>	<a href="#">Little Everglades Ranch</a> , Dade City, FL	<a href="#">Email</a> 352-615-6460
27-28	CFBC	Central Florida Buggy Club drive/campout	Tillis Hill Recreation Area County Rd. 480 W Stage Coach Trail Inverness, FL 34452	Virg Oliver <a href="mailto:virgn21@gmail.com">virgn21@gmail.com</a>
February 2018	Organization	Event Description	Location/Address	Contact
3-4	FL Whips N Region	Metta Baxter Driving Class 2018 for beginner drivers as intro to safety, harnesses, bits, carriages and teaching your horse to drive	University of Florida Horse Teaching Unit 1934 SW 63rd Ave, Gainesville, FL 32608	Karen Wolfsheimer <a href="mailto:wacahootakj@gmail.com">wacahootakj@gmail.com</a>
9-11	ADS	Grand Oaks Classic & CT <a href="#">Omnibus listing</a>	Grand Oaks Equestrian Center	
10-11	CFBC	Central Florida Buggy Club drive/campout	Goethe State Forest Tidewater Trailhead County Rd. 337 Saddle Pen Rd. Dunnellon, FL 34431	Sharon Flack <a href="mailto:croomrider@juno.com">croomrider@juno.com</a>
14	FL Whips N Region	Steeplechase Continuous Drive, Dressage, roads & tracks, cones	2600 120th Ave, Morrison, FL 32668	Dona Love 352-817-4700 <a href="#">Email</a>
16-18	ADS	Spring Fling DT/CDE (CAC) <a href="#">Omnibus listing</a>	Florida Horse Park, Ocala, FL	<a href="mailto:cypresskeep@gmail.com">cypresskeep@gmail.com</a>
24	FL Whips SE Region	Fechtel Ranch Drive	38015 Fechtel Rd. Eustis, FL 32726	Max Zeiman <a href="#">Email</a>
24-25	CFBC	Central Florida Buggy Club drive/campout	Colt Creek State Park 16000 County Rd. 471 Lakeland, FL 33809	Don / Rose Simmers <a href="mailto:rsimmers55@gmail.com">rsimmers55@gmail.com</a>

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Omnibus Show Bill – 2018 STRIDE Dressage Schooling Show Series



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**Four Sundays at the Florida Horse Park, Ocala: Jan 28, Mar 4, Sep 30, Oct 28**  
**One weekend at Grand Oaks Resort, Weirsdale: May 19&20**

**Welcome to the 2018 STRIDE Schooling Show Series!** This information packet includes show information, directions to both show facilities, class information, "How to Win a STRIDE Year End Award," and a standard entry form to be used for all STRIDE shows. Download additional copies from [www.STRIDEdressage.org](http://www.STRIDEdressage.org)

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Directions to Grand Oaks: 3000 Marion County Road, Weirsdale, FL; 352-750-5500



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



ENTRY INFORMATION AT:

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## MAY 10-13, 2018

### ***ADS Southeast Region Recreational Driving Weekend***

at The Grand Oaks Resort in Weirsdale, Florida

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**Entries open Jan. 10, 2018 Entries close May 1, 2018**

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## Barry Hook Clinic Huge Success

by Paul Van Sickle

One of the reasons we live in Florida is to enjoy the mild warm winter weather. After all, when it's sunny and 72 degrees here in January it's usually 40 something, wet and cold in England. That's what British Trainer Barry Hook envisioned when he came to Grand Oaks to put on a one day Clinic for the Florida Whips in chilly winter-like English conditions. None the less, we had a larger than planned group flock to Grand Oaks some from as far as Atlanta (yes, they were Florida Whips) and Ft Lauderdale to hear what Barry had to say.

Barry began the morning presentation with a brief background explaining how his life has revolved around driving horses commercially with Youngs Brewery before the training side of his business became his sole focus. Barry explained how he based his training methods on a kind, common-sense approach, looking through the horses eyes. He believes in teaching horses to be safe, confident and happy in any sphere of harness work, and this is why he does not believe in using metal bits, or traditional whips as an aid. His focus is on trust, as well as the horse's confidence both in the driver and in itself - all while taking into account each horse's individual character.



*Barry showing Cheryl Brown the Coaching Style of Reinsmanship.*

why he does not support the use of metal bits. He trains all his clients horses from singles to a four in hand of green stallions in rubber bits as he feels rubber is far kinder to the driving horse than harsh metal and how his rubber bits are used with great success. Despite the obvious profit of marketing his



*Barry with Elinor Weith.*

rubber bits he feels drivers must be experienced and trained to safely use a rubber bit. As Barry said, "If I sell them people will think the bit will magically solve all your equine driving issues and suddenly your horse will be able to play the piano at the same time!"

After a working lunch the group reconvened for the hands on horse and driver session in the covered arena where five drivers worked with Barry in-front of a captivated group of auditors. Up first was Patty Perez & Frodo, next Deb Bennett and Shade, followed by Max Meninel with Betty his beautiful quarter horse, Elinor Weith and her spirited pair and finally Sherrill Clark with her VSE's Fireman & Cisco in hand. Barry took each turnout and offered his observations & training suggestions to improve vehicle, harness, horse and driver. It was important to note that Barry's clinics are normally four day events one hour sessions daily for each turnout where he can dig in and solve challenges for both Whip and equine.

During our clinic both Whip and auditors shared their questions and Barry offered his dynamic insight. Bonnie Dobson reflected on her progress regaining confidence working with Barry after a major driving setback. Barry used time to demonstrate "Coachman" reinsmanship for the group with Cheryl Brown. Despite the harsh wind and dropping temperature the group remained captivated by Barry's insight, sense of humor and candor during the outdoor session. Finally, the group gathered for dinner in the Bistro for a hearty dose of Barry Hook humor and comrades'. Barry offered to put on a complimentary one day youth driving clinic and donated back to the Florida Whips £100 pounds of his clinic fee to Whips for youth driving education. Truly a marvelous gentleman and remarkable trainer, we hope Barry returns soon and put on a full four day clinic.



## NEWS

Special thanks go to Tom Warriner for donating the use of Grand Oaks arena and the Bridge room, Kacy Tipton for all her help, Chad the Grand Oaks IT “Guru” and Linda Bennett at ADS for donating \$200 to offset clinic costs. If you’d like more in information on Barry Hook see [horsedrawnpromotions.com](http://horsedrawnpromotions.com) or watch a Barry Hook video on youtube.



*Barry with driver Max Meniel and Anna Meinel, groom.*



*Barry Hook*



*Barry with Deb Bennett.*



*Barry working with Sherrill Clark's mini, Fireman.*



## Jupiter Fun Day

Small is beautiful—even in Jupiter. Once again, a small--but dedicated and eager—group made its way to the Jupiter Equestrian Park in Jupiter Farms for or a day of fun, food, and cones (sorry, alliteration arrested).

This year the SE region has decided to keep it simple and keep it fun (KISS/KIF). Because we don't want to wear out the core gang who organize all our events (principal among them, our terrific President, Eloise Nelson), we have made the decision to play more and compete less. We are leaving the competitive events to the state Whips organization, while here at the regional level, we will focus more on how many smiles per mile we get.

With that objective, we set out to have the sixth or 16th Jupiter Fun Day. In the past we have had dressage, a micro HDT, and cones, but for this year, we only did cones. After flawless planning by Eloise, Anna Crothers, and Sali Petri. Sali and her husband, showed up on the morning of January 6th to set up the cones course that we would use for the day.

By 10:30, the first horse and driver were out on course. Kathleen Alston and Blizzie went first on a cautious “inspection” drive. Next, Deb Bennett and Shotzee were testing the course, followed by John Bennett and Sonny. Last in the order of go were Heidi Stibitz and Cody, who were accompanied by James Barrett.

Each participant drove the course twice; times and penalties were supplied to those who were curious. After that, to give everyone a chance to drive a second drive a second course, we re-arranged some cones and let everyone drive two more times. After that all, equines were tired, and we called it a day. But, it was not over...

Twenty minutes later we had picked up the cones course and set our lunch table. We shared a scrumptious lunch and gave away prizes. In true Millennial fashion, everyone received a participation prize, and Kathleen even made away with the \$50 gas card. Debra Spark, representing Purina gave every equine its own bag of snacks. Thank you, Debra and thank you, PURINA!

It was good to see the folks who came out to drive, organize, and support. No pressure, just fun. What a great way to start the year!



*Heidi. James, and Cody.*



*Kathleen Alston and Blizzard.*



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*Kathleen, Deb, John, and Heidi.*



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