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NEWSLETTER OF THE FLORIDA WHIPS • MARCH 2018



Kathie Beeson driving her Paso pair, Catalina and Dia y Noche at the Grand Oaks Pleasure Show.

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Questions about advertising?
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Articles submitted may be edited for length and clarity and will be used according to space availability. Articles, letters, and photos must be sent via email as electronic files to both the Newsletter Editor and Webmaster and should adhere to submission guidelines. Please identify all people, animals, and the photographer. Send permission for use of any copyrighted photos. See HOW TO SUBMIT located at the back of the newsletter.

**Join the discussion on Facebook.
Search for 'Florida Whips Carriage Driving'
and ask to join the group.**



www.facebook.com/groups/457805587631636

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE SEPTEMBER 1

of each new membership year.
Please send completed form and dues to:
Kathie Beeson
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BUSINESS ADS

Full Page (one issue) \$40
Full Page (annual)..... \$300
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Half Page (annual) \$200
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(included with a business membership)

Annual newsletter ads represent 10 issues.
Annual business card ads are displayed on the website 12 months (Sept. through Aug.).

EVENT ADS

Event Sponsored by Florida Whips: Free.
Link to event forms/ads can be added to the calendar on www.flawhips.org.

Other than Whips Events: one-half Business rate. Link to Event ad from newsletter can be added to the calendar on www.flawhips.org.

Event Calendar listings on website: free link to organizer's event website. Email calendar information to calendar@flawhips.org.

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Deadline is the 15th day of each month preceding month of issue. For instance, for the May issue, deadline will be April 15 and distribution will be May 1. Payment must be received before inclusion. Submit ads electronically to newsletter@flawhips.org and webmaster@flawhips.org as appropriate.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends,

Tough times for us all with the passing of Erika. Her impact on our lives as she held down the role of Secretary for the Whips was so significant yet because of her abilities we barely noticed the hard work. My thanks for all those who have stepped in to fill the void but the time has come to face replacing Erika's position and deal with the matters of the Whips.

First let me tell you that on April 14th we will celebrate Erika, with John, here at The Grand Oaks. Not to be confused with the event at the University, I thought the Whips and the equine community might enjoy some time with John in her celebration of life here. This will be a celebration and in John's words "in the old Irish fashion!"

We have elections to hold for President and Vice President and the job of replacing Erika. We also have to focus on the many jobs that Erika directed including the calendar. Please let me know your interest in filling board positions as well as those of you who are computer skilled and could assist in the newsletter and calendar upkeep in both an interim role as well as permanent.

A meeting is scheduled during the Southern Drive which is May 10-13. Hopefully that will serve as a workshop to address our task at hand. In the interim please let me know your interest in serving the Whips.

Respectfully,
Tom

*See Southeast Region
Report on page 9.*



Erika Matulich, Ph.D & WHIP Secretary
September 14, 1963– February 22, 2018

Please Join Us in Celebrating the Life of Erika



Saturday, April 14th 2018

3:00pm-6:00pm

Chapel @ Grand Oaks Resort

**Erika Matulich Memorial Fund for the Benefit of Hidden Harbor marine
Environment Project, Inc.**

{ A FL Nonprofit 501c (3) Corporation, a/d/a The Turtle Hospital for donations in lieu of flowers. }

Please contact Tom Warriner or Monica Blanco (monica@thegrandoaks.com) with any questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Check the Florida Whips Website Calendar for updates at flawhips.org

For completed/past calendar events, click HERE				
March 2018	Organization	Event Description	Location/Address	Contact
2-4	ADS	Black Prong DT (CAC) Omnibus listing	Black Prong Equestrian Center, Bronson, FL	
8	FL Whips N Region	Steeplechase Continuous Drive, Dressage, roads & tracks, cones	2600 120th Ave, Morriston, FL 32668	Dona Love 352-817-4700 Email
15-18	ADS	Live Oak CDE Omnibus listing	Live Oak Plantation, Ocala, FL	
17-18	CFBC	Central Florida Buggy Club drive/campout	Longbranch Rest N Ride 4690 89th Rd. Live Oak, FL 32060	Judy Martin 352-638-8398
30-31	CFBC	Central Florida Buggy Club drive/campout	Green Swamp East-Hampton Tract 18490 Rockridge Rd. Polk City, FL 33868	Ruth Ricchezza 813-973-3601
April 2018	Organization	Event Description	Location/Address	Contact
14	FL Whips N Region	Black Prong Trailhead Trail Drive & Potluck	Goethe Forest, Black Prong Trailhead, 9110 SE CR 337, Bronson, FL 32621	Dona Love 352-817-4700 Email
14	FL Whips SE Region	Wickham Park Despooking Clinic	Wickham Park, 2500 Parkway Dr. Melbourne, FL 32935	Judi Tintera jtintera@cfl.rr.com
15-16	CFBC	Central Florida Buggy Club drive/campout	Lake Panasoffkee 7519 NW 18th Way Wildwood, FL 34785	Lynda Galerno shortrider@hotmail.com
21	FL Whips N Region	Cones Day	Iron Horse Farm 308 SW Spirit Ave. Fort White, FL 32038	Lynda Jowers jowersl@aol.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Presented by: Florida Whips, Inc.



*We've got something different
planned for this event ...*

DESPOOKING & COMMUNICATION CLINIC

SAT., APRIL 14, 2018 | VERO BEACH, FLORIDA

Please note location change from Wickham Park in Melbourne to Whispering Pines Equestrian Facility in Vero Beach

*Do you have a horse you're starting to train to drive?
Do you have a horse you already drive who is over-reactive to certain situations?*

At this clinic, you will be working with your horse **in-hand** around various obstacles and challenges to improve your communication and their positive response to different stimuli.

- The morning 2 hour session will have you working your horse in your rope halter/lead.
- There will be a 1 hour lunch break (*lunch is included in the registration fee*)
- The afternoon 2 hour session will build on the morning's lessons.

*You may be able to work your horse in your blinker bridle and harness (ground driving),
or continue working in-hand with your rope halter/lead.*

**PLEASE NOTE: This is not a "teach your horse to drive" clinic
and your horse will not be hooked to a cart at this event.**

ABOUT THE CLINICIAN:

Sarah Schlaich is the instructor and trainer at Whispering Pines Equestrian Facility, which focuses on teaching basic horsemanship to children and adults. She rides and trains Western and has been riding for almost 20 years. Sarah loves to compete in various types of events such as obstacle challenges, barrel racing and Extreme Cowboy Association races. She teaches people of all ages to communicate with horses, to get a desired response and to use positive reinforcement methods to earn respect. Sarah practices natural horsemanship methods working toward a positive response and goal achievement while building a partnership between horse and owner.



CLINIC LOCATION:

Easy access—about 10 minutes east of I-95
Whispering Pines Equestrian Facility
6225 57th Street • Vero Beach, FL

LIMITED TO 10 ENTRIES

REGISTRATION FEE:
\$45 full registration
with your horse
(includes am/pm session
and lunch for participant*)

**Participants are requested to
bring a rope halter and lead.**

**Additional lunch(es) for groom(s)/helper(s)
accompanying a registered driver:
\$5 per person, please pre-order.*

Audit fee: **\$15 per person**
(no horse) includes lunch
Must pre-register to audit.

For questions:
Judi Tintera jtintera@cfl.rr.com
Eloise Nelson ern7073@aol.com

Entry Form online at www.flawhips.org

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Omnibus Show Bill – 2018 STRIDE Dressage Schooling Show Series



STRIDE Dressage
Est. 1989

**STRIDE is the Ocala, Marion County,
Florida, General Membership
Organization (GMO) of the
United States Dressage Federation**

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

Volunteers Needed: STRIDE is a volunteer organization and depends on club members to help support its activities. Volunteers are rewarded with vouchers that can be used for entry fees, membership fees, shirts or any fee associated with a STRIDE event. Typical volunteer jobs are show manager, scribe, scorer, test runner, timer, ring steward, set up or take down of arenas and cones, etc. **One day of volunteering earns one voucher, equivalent to \$20.** Vouchers may be earned and used, or earned and gifted. Frequent volunteers are also recognized and rewarded at the year-end banquet. Year-end award winners must volunteer 4 hours (more is always appreciated!). Contact Volunteer Coordinator Justin McClure, Justin.mcclure97@gmail.com or 813-210-5011 for details on volunteering.

VENDORS: If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact Marie Davidson, STRIDE Vice President

IMPORTANT – ASTM/SEI approved protective headgear mandatory at all times on show grounds when mounted or driving (including Western Dressage and Trails classes). *"From the time horses are officially admitted to the competition grounds by competition management, anyone mounted on a horse at any time on the competition grounds including non-competing riders, riders on non-competing horses, and those competing in all classes and tests, including Para-Equestrian tests must wear protective headgear as defined by this rule and otherwise in compliance with GR801. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place. Protective headgear is defined as a riding helmet which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI(Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. The harness must be secured and properly fitted."* http://www.usefnetwork.com/news/9593/2013/2/19/protective_headgear_rule_change_for.aspx

GENERAL INFORMATION

Four 2018 SHOWS AT [FLORIDA HORSE PARK, OCALA.](http://flhorsepark.com) Directions: From I-75 head east on CR 484. Continue on 484 for about 2 miles. Take a left onto S Hwy 475. Continue on 475 for 3.2 miles. The Florida Horse Park is on the left hand side. Directions at <http://flhorsepark.com/thepark/directions.aspx>

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

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ENTRY INFORMATION AT:

www.americandrivingsociety.org

Go to 2018 Omnibus listing for entry form

MAY 10-13, 2018

ADS Southeast Region Recreational Driving Weekend

at The Grand Oaks Resort in Weirsdale, Florida

Come enjoy 4 days of driving and fun—the entire weekend is a social event!

There will be driving activities to test your driving skills, or just “chill out” and drive around the beautiful grounds.

Social events are on the schedule, too. Clinicians may be booked for private lessons at an additional cost.

- Wild Animal Safari Drive
- Team Croquet Challenge
- Poker Drive
- Hot Shot Derby Team Jackpot
- Funny Money Auction
- Educational Sessions
- Private lessons with select clinicians
- Group Dinners . . . and so much more!

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

Registration: \$65 per person

(driver/groom/spouse/guest)

Include additional \$15 for non-ADS members



American Driving Society, Inc.



NEWS

Photos from Grand Oaks Pleasure Show



Photos from Spring Fling



*Darleen Gruver driving Here-Be Lilith Faire aka Lily.
First Place Training Level CT.*



*Jean White driving Tegan Tallsyn aka Boomer.
Second Place Training Level CT.*

NEWS

The Ultimate Compliment

As a trainer it is my job and responsibility to instill good work ethics in my equine charges. It is also my job to give the owner enough tools to choose from to drive their animals at the best of their ability and to get the best from their animals to the level they are capable of.

Over and above that, I want to watch my student progress through the different levels and to receive the blue ribbon. This past pleasure driving show at The Grand Oaks the above formula worked as Desiree Herrmann drove her Friesians to a victory – leaving me in the dust with the Reserve Championship.

My hat is off to you Desiree for your dedication to the sport showed in your driving skills, your crew worked as a unit, you could comb your hair in the brass and your horses drove magnificently!

Good job!
Bob



SOUTHEAST REGION REPORT

I am writing this before our February event at Fechtel Park on February 24th. I hope all participants had a great time. I look forward to making a trip to Fechtel Park and enjoy the great trails. Thank you to our organizers Max Zieman and Carol Bendle. Pictures and an article will be in this newsletter or in the April newsletter.

Our last event will be a Despooning and Communication Clinic on April 14, 2018. It will be held at Whispering Pines in Vero Beach. Please contact Judi Tintera at jtintera.cfl.rr.com if you have any questions.

I would like to know if anyone is interested in being the SE Regional Director beginning this summer. I have served the maximum number of years and need someone to take over for me. Please email me at ern7073@gmail.com if you have any interest in the position.

*Eloise Nelson,
SE Region Director*

NEEDED

Immediate need for a
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All memberships renew each September 1

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Farm/Business Name:			
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City:	State:	Zip:	
Email Address:			
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Alternative Phone:	<input type="checkbox"/> Mobile	<input type="checkbox"/> Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Other

Please check which membership type:	Annual Dues	Notes
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership	\$ 35.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership	\$ 40.00	Please indicate family members below
<input type="checkbox"/> Business / Farm / Organization	\$100.00	Includes annual business card ad
<input type="checkbox"/> Reciprocal Driving Club	\$ 0.00	Exchange of newsletters/information

For family membership only, please list family member information (all must be living in same household)		
Name	Email	If junior, Date of Birth

Please check which newsletter type:	Annual Fee	Notes
<input type="checkbox"/> Online newsletter	\$ FREE	Newsletter provided free online with emailed notification
<input type="checkbox"/> Printed/Mailed newsletter	\$ 20.00	Newsletter mailed 10x per year to mailing address above

SAFETY RULES OF THE FLORIDA WHIPS, INC.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicle and harness must be serviceable and in good repair Vehicles must be unhitched prior to removing reins and bridles The driver must always have a whip and carry it while in motion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Horses must have bridles on with reins attached prior to hitching to a vehicle Never tie a horse or leave it unattended when hitched to a vehicle Never pass another carriage at a fast trot and never drive too close to another |
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☐ By checking this box and signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the safety rules listed above, as have any family members listed as part of this membership. I further understand that under Florida law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for injury to, or death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risk of equine activities. This document is meant to be a full and complete release from any and all liability that may arise from participating in Florida Whips, Inc. equine activities. This release is given freely and voluntarily by the participating members and is meant to remain in existence throughout the duration of membership.

Signature (type if electronic):

Date:

Paper Membership Applications	Electronic Membership Applications
Make checks payable to: The Florida Whips, Inc. Mail payment and complete, signed form to: Kathie Beeson, Florida Whips Membership Director 7220 NW 60 th St., Chiefland FL, 32626	Fill out form online and use Submit button - or - Fill out form, save and attach to email to membership@flawhips.org Pay via credit card / Paypal at www.flawhips.org and forward email receipt confirmation to membership@flawhips.org

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CLASSIFIEDS

The Metabolic Horse – 3 Hour Indepth Lecture. Physiology, Diagnosis & Management Of Equine Metabolic Syndrome & PPID (Cushings). Speaker: Karen J. Wolfsheimer, DVM, PhD., Dipl., ACVIM. Offered through Santa Fe College, April 14, 2018.

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NEWS & PHOTOS

If you have an article and photos of a recent show or event, a recent accomplishment, or anything equine related that you'd like to share with your fellow Whips members, please send it to Sioux at: newsletter@flawhips.org

HOW TO SUBMIT

DO NOT send articles as hard copy, typed into an email, or as a PDF. Place articles into a Word doc and attach to your email. Attach individual photos (jpegs) to your email message. **REMEMBER** - only articles in digital format will be accepted! Please put "Member News" in the subject line of your email.

CAPTION ALL PHOTOS. Name, location and date of event, winner of each division. All photos must be labeled with the name of the person(s) in the photo. Include the horse/ponies name if known.

Please be aware that the online newsletter will have more content than the printed newsletter. The online version is not limited in number of pages where the printed version is limited to 12 pages.