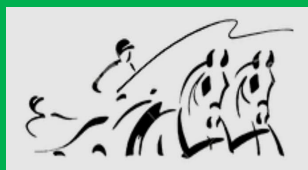


View From Behind the Dash



Newsletter of the Florida Whips

Promoting all aspects of Equine Harness driving by encouraging good will
and emphasizing safety and education



Beth Rieselman and Dawson at the 2020 Iron Horse Continuous Drive

Photo By: Tricia Lynn

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**Florida Whips Annual Meeting
and silent auction at
The Southern Drive: May 8, 1pm
Grand Oaks Resort
3000 Marion County Road,
Wiersdale, FL 32195**



Photo By: Tricia Lynn

From the Pres: The Bridle-less Horse

By: Bob Giles

Nothing will make your heart go “flutter-flutter” like seeing your bridle slide off the nose of your equine friend. We all know what is going to happen next as the pony/horse gets to see the nightmare (carriage) we have attached to their derriere! No, I don’t want to hear about training and driving without blinkers. All of the harness makers across Europe, America and through the centuries wouldn’t have made blinkers if we didn’t need them. The horses must learn to trust us as drivers.

The Amish and the draft horse people solved their problem with a side or overcheck. I shudder when I look at the pictures of old and the cruelty we inflicted on the horses with overchecks being too tight – all for the eye and image of a human. As drivers, we are much more humane today where we teach them to carry their own head and use their body efficiently.

The problem of losing a bridle comes into play if you don’t cut a bridle path, if you have a horse or pony with small ears, or if you are hitching multiples where they can rub their heads together. For the multiples I highly suggest a gullet strap (connect the throat latch to the nose band). For all equines with small ears – I suggest tying a string to the top of the bridle and braid the string into the first 1 inch of mane. You can unbraid it at the end of your drive or use the knife that you always carry with you when you drive.

Keep your traces tight!

Bob ...



Photo by: Tricia Lynn

Come to the

Florida Whips Annual Meeting

Featuring our annual

Silent Auction to benefit our Para-drivers.

May 8, 2021 1:00pm-3:00pm

Grand Oaks Resort

3000 Marion County Rd.

Wiersdale, Florida 32195

Box lunches (\$15) may be reserved by calling

352-409-1398

2021 SOUTHERN DRIVE

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Clinicians are available by reservation. Please contact them ahead of time to schedule.

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HOUSING & GOLF CARTS:

For Grand Oaks Accommodations please contact the Resort Office at 352-750-5500 x 236.

Golf carts are available for rent during your stay. They must be reserved in advance for day of arrival.

Please contact the Resort Office at 352-750-5500 x 236 for reservations.

DIRECTIONS TO THE GRAND OAKS RESORT:

Address: **3000 Marion County Road, Weirsdale, FL 32195**

If you have not been here before please call Kacy at 352-409-1398 upon entering the property.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

For additional information or any questions please contact Kacy Tipton-Fashik at kacyf@thegrandoaks.com or 352-409-1398.



SCHEDULE FOR 2021 SOUTHERN DRIVE AT THE GRAND OAKS

THURSDAY, MAY 6		
3:00 - 6:00 PM Stabling/Registration/Event Office Open - No driving until carriage number is given		
6:00	DEADLINE FOR DRESSAGE "FIX A TEST"	Event Office
Dinner on your own: Bistro open (reservations suggested 352-750-9500)		
FRIDAY, MAY 7		
7:30 - 3:00 Registration/Event Office Open - No driving until carriage number is given		
All Day	* Drive at Will on Property: Trails, 2 open obstacles (helmets required), cones and fiber dressage rings * Private Lessons: Contact Individual Clinicians to Schedule Lessons*	
9:00 - 11:30	"Fix a Test" \$25 per test (includes driving test and getting suggestions from the Judge after)	Nut House Arena
11:30 - 1:30	SCRABBLE CONES - Sponsored by the Florida Whips	Racetrack
You will have 2-1/2 minutes to drive through the lettered cones to spell as many words as you can.		
2:00	DEADLINE FOR DERBY	Event Office
Auction items set up - completed by 4:30		Chapel
5:30 - 6:30	Welcome Reception - Auction items on display, Drawing of Derby Teams, Scrabble Cones Winners	Chapel
SATURDAY, MAY 8		
7:30 - 3:00 Registration/Event Office Open - No driving until carriage number is given		
All Day	* Drive at Will on Property: Trails, 2 open obstacles (helmets required), cones and fiber dressage rings * Private Lessons: Contact Individual Clinicians to Schedule Lessons*	
10:00 - 12:00	Jackpot Derby Team Challenge (An additional \$25 entry fee required) Drivers compete in randomly-drawn teams on a course of numbered cones and gated obstacles. Cash jackpot to winning team! Safety vest and helmets must be worn.	Covered Arena
1:00 - 3:00	Florida Whips Meeting - Box Lunches available \$15 per person	Chapel
6:00	BBQ DINNER - followed by Awards and Auction!	
SUNDAY, MAY 9		
All Day	* Drive at Will on Property: Trails, 2 open obstacles (helmets required), cones and fiber dressage rings * Private Lessons: Contact Individual Clinicians to Schedule Lessons*	
9:00 - 2:00	Bistro open for Breakfast	
9:00 -10:00	Cowboy Church in the East Gallery	
9:00 - 11:00	Safari Drive Driven on a marked course around the property to test the driver on his/her skill in negotiating a cross-country drive and looking for animals at the same time.	Triangle area North of Racetrack



SOUTHERN DRIVE AT THE GRAND OAKS
REGISTRATION FORM
May 6-9, 2021

Name: _____			
Address: _____		City, State, Zip: _____	
Phone: _____		Cell: _____	Email: _____
Day & Estimated Arrival Time: _____			
Cottage Rentals:	Yes	No	Location: _____
RV Rental:	Yes	No	RV site required - No Generators
Stable with:		No Haul ins - Stall required to participate in event	

Registration Fee Includes:
 * 4 days of activities and use of all driving facilities (fiber arenas, cones, trails and 2 open obstacles)
 * Welcome Reception on Friday evening
 * Saturday evening - BBQ Dinner - Awards and Auction

Optional Events:
 * "Fix A Test" Dressage - Test must be provided
 * Team Derby Challenge: Teams for the Derby will be chosen by a blind draw from all entries. The winning team splits the cash jackpot equally. Entry fee is \$25 per turnout.
 * Private Lessons: Individual lessons with instructor is available by contacting them directly.

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	Fee	How Many	Total
Registration per person	\$100		\$
Stabling (\$35 per stall/per night)	\$35		\$
RV Camping (\$50 per night)	\$50		\$
Shavings (Min 2 bags)	\$16		\$
"Fix A Test" Dressage	\$25		\$
Derby Challenge	\$25		\$
Box Lunch during FL Whips Meeting	\$15		\$
Food Options: Cranberry Chicken Salad			
Includes	Turkey & Cheddar		
chips & drink	Roastbeef & Swiss		
Guest meals:	Friday	\$20	\$
	Saturday	\$25	\$
Shirt Order:	Small	\$25	\$
	Medium	\$25	\$
Ladies	Large	\$25	\$
Men	X-Large	\$25	\$
Grey	XX-Large	\$30	\$
Light Blue	XXX-Large	\$30	\$
Total Enclosed			\$

Make checks payable to Grand Oaks Resort or pay by Visa or MasterCard

Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Name as it appears on the Card _____ 3 digit code _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Note any dietary issues:

Please include these items with your entry. Thank You!!

	Registration form
	Proof of Coggins & Flu/Rhino Vaccine
	Grand Oaks Liability for each person attending
	Check or CC information
	Dressage Test (if participating)





The Driving World mourns its champion: Prince Philip (10 June 1921 - April 2021)

By: Tricia Lynn Glotfelty

In April 2021 the Carriage driving world mourned the loss of Prince Philip, a talented and skilled whip who competed and enjoyed the sport of carriage driving for many years. Throughout his life, Prince Philip maintained a great enthusiasm for many sports. He sailed, played cricket and polo, excelled at carriage driving and was president of the FEI for many years.

At age 50 after giving up Polo, Prince Philip said he looked around to see “what was next”. He had already become familiar with carriage driving by helping write the international rules for carriage driving and encouraging Windsor to hold the first national championships. He said in an interview for the BBC that he thought he’d “give it a go” so he borrowed four horses from the stables and started practicing; the rest is history.

He enjoyed the intricacies of the sport, the skill that was required and the training to took to train four horses to work together as a team. Many competitors have stated that he felt truly at home and at ease in the carriage driving world because there, he was just one of the competitors and he could be himself. No matter what type of carriage driving you enjoy, we can all thank Prince Philip for bringing the sport to the forefront of world sports and especially for bringing it to the UK and eventually the United States.

Beta vs. Biothane?

Myrna Rhinehart of IVC Carriages

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When people talk about synthetic harnesses, many of them refer to their harness as being biothane. Many people also have opinions as to biothane being better than leather, biothane being stiff

in the winter, biothane being shiny, etc. Sometimes, people will also use the term "beta". They think that beta is a matte material, softer, and more desirable than biothane for harnesses from which to be made.

Let's clear something up. All synthetic harnesses are NOT BioThane® or Beta®, but all BioThane® harnesses are synthetic.

To better explain, BioThane Coated Webbing Corp is the name of a company in Ohio, USA that was started in 1977. BioThane® is also the brand name of all coated webbing products made by them. It's basically a polyester webbing with a coating that makes it durable, waterproof, and easy to clean. BioThane manufactures products at one Ohio plant for various industries including equine, medical, sporting goods, canine, safety, and military. Many of the distributors of BioThane® products, especially to the animal industry, are Amish or Mennonite. BioThane makes a number of coatings for various uses, and the most common are Beta®, Gold, and Granite®. Of these and other coatings, certain coating classes have better applications than others depending on the intended use. The products are evaluated for hardness, flex, cold flex, hand tackiness, peel adhesion, abrasion resistance, coating tear strength, weather resistance, oil resistance, and acid/base resistance. All this information is on their website. In general, the products with the highest gloss ("Gold" and "Diamond") are the hardest and have the least amount of flex in cold weather, while the semi-gloss and no-gloss products can be softer with better cold flexibility. Of course, with 12 different product coating lines on their website, all of this varies based on the product. A synthetic harness isn't made from one coating product. A good harness maker uses the correct BioThane® product for the appropriate purpose. The straps holding buckles that are going to be subjected to more abrasion are made with a stronger coating than say the material used to line saddles, which is more flexible.

So how did the biothane confusion happen in the equine industry? It is my understanding that some of the first BioThane® products used in the making of equine tack had a shiny finish and were commonly referred to as biothane, since that was the company from which they originated. Eventually, a matte finish was used as well. This was called Beta®. When you had equine products made, you had to specify if you wanted a shiny or matte finish. This led many people to just start calling products by the name associated with shiny or matte. As the BioThane company is the leader in the industry, their synthetic products also took on the leadership of the name of all synthetic products, much like Kleenex® has done. Not all tissues are Kleenex®, but all Kleenex® is tissue. Let's face it, when some people get a box of tissues, they don't say, "I'm going to get some tissues." They say, "I'm going to get some kleenex," even if it is Puffs®. The same thing has happened with BioThane®. The brand has become synonymous with all synthetic materials offered. However, that term can be incorrect.

So why does this matter? Since there are so many synthetic manufacturers out there now, you need to be aware of what you are getting! Just like if you want the actual Kleenex® product, you need to make sure you are getting that brand and not a generic knockoff. Not all US harness makers use BioThane®, and not all synthetic material is equal. Some brands are more rubbery, plastic-y, stiffer, and imported. And remember, it's not beta vs. biothane...Beta® IS BioThane®, Granite® IS BioThane®. BioThane® can be shiny or matte, stiff or soft. If you don't have a harness made with true BioThane®, you just have a synthetic harness.





Meet Your New Editor:

Greetings fellow Whips. My name is Tricia Lynn Glotfelty, and I am your new Newsletter editor. I live in Hudson Florida with a farm full of animals including Lance, a North American Premium Spotted Draft Horse, Nora, a Hackney Pony, and Rosy, a Welsh Mountain Pony. I have been riding for 48 years and driving for 46 years and I have been around horses all my life.

I mainly drove commercial carriages, snow trail groomers, farm equipment, stage coaches and wagons but my dream is to compete in combined driving events. I have been working toward that goal for the last three years; I have a disability so progress is often slow but slow progress is still progress. Baby steps!

I am proud to be your new newsletter editor and I hope you will bear with me as I rebuild our Whips Newsletter from scratch. We now have the software and I am working on the template but what I need from you is content. Please write to me and tell me about your activities, your horses, upcoming events, shows, things you have for sale, things you are looking for etc. Photos too!

I look forward to building you a great newsletter.

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