



The Florida Whips

November 2022 Newsletter

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President's Message:

The shriek of the little girl hits the top of the decimal scale! I have brought SIX little girls with me to the draft horse show (what was I thinking!?). The little girls range from the 5th grade to the 8th grade. These are the same six little girls I pick up every Sunday and take to the local horse show in Vassalboro, Maine.

Here are the rules:

Rule #1

Be on the side of the road at 7:00am with your horse, saddle and trunk or get left behind (the Marine way!).

Rule #2

No tears or frowns allowed in the truck.

Rule #3

Everything else goes!

They made a song up about my green International truck. The only verse I can remember is, "the color of snot, the body the color of throw up and the cab smelled of upchuck" ...

As these little imps play either tag or hide and seek beneath, behind, in front of or on top of my Belgian drafters (leaders are 17 hands, swings are 18 hands, and the wheelers are 19 hands), my gentle giants just look at one another and roll their eyes. Did I happen to tell you that footwear was optional with the girls???

Every horse has had their manes, tails and forelocks braided at least twelve times. Their hooves are not spared as they display every color of the rainbow (lucky for me, black hoof polish hides all!). Nothing will stop your heart beating like looking down the back of the stalls and seeing two horses' tails braided TOGETHER! Who would ever own up to the fact, "this is my child"?

In the groom's class at the show they dressed the smallest girl (3 ft tall) in a brown dress, cov-

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ered her in brown shoe polish, put her in a manure bucket and carried her into the show ring with a place card calling her – “The Little Turd”. They won first place!

The other side of having deviant, demented and gross little urchins under foot at the horse shows was that my six-ton hitch made the ground shake as they stomped around the ring breathing fire. When we unhitched, six little Tinkerbells minus shoes, led them back to their stalls. At about 10:00pm, after six hours on full screech, I would find the little girls sitting in the mangers in front of their horse braiding the forelock, stroking their ears or putting baby oil on their muscles.

During the day while at the show, if a horse made manure the little girls tried to catch it with a shovel before it hit the stall floor. The six little devils kept score! When the horses made urine, it was a group effort, so not a single wet piece of sawdust remained. (They were not above making a human wall if one of them had to pee with the draft horse looking back to see what the tinkle was.)

Nighttime, we had six cots with sleeping bags, and I slept in the gooseneck of the horse trailer.

The downside to having the little girls in tow, it took me a day to get the crayon color out of the horses’ tails from brushing against the walls of the stall covered in artwork – “I love Billy”, “Ben loves me”, “Boys are gross”, etc. I tell you – they were a sight to see running across the show grounds with their yellow, red, and auburn hair shimmering in the sun. With all of the athleticism of a gazelle and the grace of a young thoroughbred!

They would fall asleep on the way home from the show. Filthy as a pig in the mud and in positions that would make me cringe. Inevitably one of them would stay awake and would end up asking me questions no man knows or is supposed to know (Lord help me!)

At home on Saturdays, I let the little girls take the horses to the lake. The little girls stand the horses in the water to jump off them, swim under them, and make them walk so they can be hauled through the water by the horse’s tail. (oh, to be so young and carefree)

One of these little girls became a doctor, one a college professor, two became nurses, one a teacher and one became a stay at home Mom. I don’t know where I went wrong?!

So, if you are thinking about hanging up the spurs, instead, think

about sharing the love of your life with a young boy or girl. They will reopen the book of life for you. Financially, young people cannot afford our sport, so if we don't share then we are looking at the slow death of a sport that we love. You might think you don't know enough to teach, but to a beginner, you have a wealth of knowledge. When you become a mentor – you become someone's hero! Go to a school and speak on horsemanship, your passion and how it evolved. Start someone down the road to what dreams are made of!

Stay safe, have fun and keep your traces tight!
Bob

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HDT

At The

Florida Horse Park

November 26th & 27th

The show will be a two day format and stalls will be \$25 per night. Entry fee will be \$100.

Fundraiser for the driving obstacles improvements.

Volunteers will be needed.

Contact Lynda Jowers (352)562-6976
308 SW Spirit Ave.
Fort White, FL 32038

The Great Florida Cattle Drive

Dear Florida Whips Members. You are invited to be part of The Great Florida Cattle Drive 2022.

We will be celebrating 501 years of cattle in Florida in December!

Go to www.greatfloridacattledrive.com for more information and to sign up.

Please join us for this great historical adventure.

Sincerely, Peggy Jordan

Email: anihcnike@gmail.com

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**Grand Oaks Resort
Best Training Facility in Florida!**

GRAND OAKS RESORT

As the summer comes to an end, Grand Oaks Resort is getting ready for our Winter guests! Our summer has kept us very busy with horse shows. Now, we have a few weeks to clean up before our next season arrives. Our returning guests can now take a breath, as of April 7, 2022 Grand Oaks Resort was taken off the market and is no longer for sale!

Now under new direction of General Manager, Kacy Tipton-Fashik, many renovations have been done. Our focus is to have a fresh look when our winter guests arrive. Our winter show season will be here before you know it. We know everyone is anticipating what will happen at Grand Oaks this season.



2022-2023 Schedule of Events at Grand Oaks

December
3-4 USEF Short Format
January
6-8 USEF Developing Driver Clinic
9-12 Lynn Palm Clinic
13-15 Orlando Dressage
21-22 Grand Oaks Horse Trials
27-29 Grand Oaks CDE
February
3-5 Grand Oaks Classic, CT & Derby
11 Paso Fino Horse Show
13-16 Lynn Palm Clinic
16-19 USEF Developing Driver Clinic
18-19 Appaloosa Horse Show
25-26 Hunt Country Horse Show
March
3-5 Western Dressage Clinic & Show
8-11 USEF Developing Driver Clinic
10-12 NorAust K9 Dog Agility
10 Combined Test at Grand Oaks
13-16 Lynn Palm Clinic
18 Arabian Horse Show
April
1-2 Driving Event at Grand Oaks
And this is just the start of the 2023 Show season!

Many exciting things are happening at the Resort:

- Grand Oaks Resort has leased out the restaurant "The Bistro" to new management and will reopen September 3.
- The roof has been replaced on many of the Main buildings at the Resort.
- Many trees have been lifted to make it easier for large trailers and RVs to maneuver around the property.
- Paddocks have been spit to accommodate more horses this winter season.
- The Oak Room is now open as banquet room for parties.
- The Resort Office has moved locations from the Administration building to the foyer of the Oak Room.
- The Administration building is now available for rent.
- We now have a new banquet area adjacent to the Oak Room.
- Some roads have been repaired.
- Redecorating of cottages.
- Adding new driving areas.
- And many more...

Grand Oaks is really excited to see everyone this winter! We can't wait for you to see what we have done for you!

**3000 Marion County Rd, Weirsdale, Florida
www.TheGrandOaks.com 352.750.5500**

**Tickety Boo Farm CT & Pace Drive
12 November 2022
ADS Season Opener
Training to Advanced Level Event
Only Accepting 15 Entries**



**Judge: Boots Wright
TD: Jim Thomas
Secretary: Ellen Ettenger
Organizer: Paul Van Sickle**

\$50 Entry Fee

Questions? Call Paul at 386-847-4642





MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 2023

January 18, 2023
February 15, 2023
For more information,
text to: 352-433-9665

The Steeplechase
 Farms Continuous
 Drive(s) return in 2023!
 There will be advance
 registration and

announcement for
 participant time of go.
 There will be
 competitor packets.
 There will be awards.

Volunteers are very
 welcome.
 Details coming soon!
 Questions? Contact
 Candy Smith.



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In the Box Seat . . . with Candy Smith

CONTINUOUS DRIVE. . . What is it?

Since this question has come up several times, it's time to publish something about the upcoming Steeplechase Farms Continuous Drive events (Jan 18th and Feb 15th).

Continuous Drives are headlined in the ADS Rulebook under Pleasure Driving Chapter 13. There, you will find the *Introduction* stating:

"The Continuous Driving Event (CD) consists of at least three ADS competitions driven consecutively and separated by brief rest periods. Competitors may be divided in divisions by experience, age, gender, horse size, etc."

Article 311 *General Rules* will definitely apply to the Steeplechase Farms CDs:

- *A briefing meeting for competitors should be conducted by officials prior to the start to clarify any local conditions and to answer questions.*
 - *The entry must be driven by the same person in all competitions unless otherwise specified by the organizer.*
 - *All rules of the road should be observed unless designated officials direct otherwise.*
 - *Spares are recommended but not required. Carrying a halter and lead rope on the vehicle is highly recommended.*
 - *Outside assistance, other than as specified by the rules, will incur elimination.*
- Entries eliminated from a competition are eligible to compete in the remaining competitions of the event.*

The first disclaimer is that the Steeplechase Farms CD events will have additional and specific rules and guidelines to add to everyone's safety. The briefing will be conducted in the morning at least 30 minutes before the first competitor goes on course. Each turnout must have a SMV sign affixed to the carriage or cart since most of the tract will be on public lime rock roads. While pneumatic tires are quite acceptable, bicycle wheels (thin wire structure) will not be allowed from a safety perspective.

The Competition. Each Steeplechase Farms CD will have a total of four (4) phases, with each phase scored:

- Road Pace. Distance will be under 4km. Speeds will be posted for the different divisions. Driver must carry their green card with them (as in a CDE), and it is the driver's responsibility to ensure the card is updated and recorded by the official at the end of track with the time. Drivers may only walk or trot on track.
- Dressage Test. The driver will have time to leisurely walk their equine to the start of Dressage. A gate steward will advise if there is a hold, and there will be plenty of room to either walk or stand nearby. Test A will be utilized in January and Test B will be used in February.
- Road Pace. Driver returns to the track area and is to retrieve their green card from the official and acknowledge the start time assigned (within minutes). Official will count down and driver may then proceed on the 2nd track. Again, distance will be under 4km. Driver will again turn in their green card to the official at the end of track, ensuring the time is recorded.
- Cones. Cones course will not be walked in advance. The course will follow the format of Gamblers Choice with differing complexities of passage having different numeric values (these are not made known to the competitors). Cones will be marked with numbers for the scorers use; not an order of go. Driver will be given 2 minutes to correctly drive as many cones sets (yes, red on right is observed) as they can at a walk or trot to accumulate points. Cantering will be penalized.

At the conclusion of Cones, the driver will return to the trailer staging area (a nice distance to walk or trot) where final scoring will be done and awards given out.

Divisions and Awards. For 2023, the Divisions will be Training and Open (using Preliminary

Dressage tests). The Classes will be for Horse, Pony, Small Pony (must have ADS card or be moved up to Pony), and VSE. There will not be a distinction between Singles, Pairs or Multiples for purposes of awards. Awards will be given to the overall best scores for each Class/Division for 1st through 3rd place. All participants will receive a memento for their day.

Entries. The entry forms are on the Florida Whips website under events. Entries open on November 1st and close one week before each competition. Location is next to 12391 SE 21st PL, Morriston, FL 32668 in Steeplechase Farms subdivision near Black Prong Equestrian Village.

Miscellaneous.

The conduct of the Steeplechase Farms CD events will be on multiple private properties and on public roads. As such, we ask that you do not bring your dogs to the event. If you are constrained to do so for personal reasons, your dog must be safely contained at your trailer throughout.

A food vendor has agreed to be at the events (more on this later) and will have fresh breakfast and lunch offerings.

Trailer parking is on private property and will not have facilities for water or electricity. Participants are encouraged to bring water for their horses. If there is a critical need, accommodations can be made at the adjacent farm.

There are more details about the competition, and these will be made available on the Facebook page “Steeplechase Farms Continuous Drive” along with pictures of the awards and memento being offered. The hint here is let’s sparkle a little with Swarovski crystals.



**Wear your beach shirts and enjoy
a day of cones at Black Prong!**

Channel you inner Jimmy Buffet for some fun!

1. Margaritaville (Crazy Cones)
2. Flip Flops (Reverse Psychology Obstacles)
3. Fins (Timed Obstacles)
4. It's 5 o'clock Somewhere (Fault & Out Obstacles)

\$25.00 per class or all four for \$85.00

\$10 office fee

January, 20th, 2023

Camp Black Prong 2022

What do you get when you have 110 people and 71 equines at Black Prong Equestrian Village in Bronson, Florida? You get a fun-filled and education packed carriage driving camp!

Camp Black Prong had 55 carriage drivers this year; to include 8 junior drivers – 4 boys and 4 girls, 34 auditors, 9 clinicians, 12 volunteers, and absolutely perfect weather!

Thursday, October 6th brought together experienced and new carriage drivers. Camp Black Prong had over 55 carriage drivers – the youngest was 7 years old. Camp had over “20” carriage drivers that had never attended an organized driving event before.

All the drivers had to go through a safety check and driving assessment with clinicians, Bob Giles, JR Hall and Charlotte Trentelman. Every driver was given a blue bracelet and beginners were also given an additional orange bracelet. (The orange bracelet let the clinicians and other drivers know that the driver with orange was new – added layer of safety at camp).

After lunch the educational classes kicked off. Hitching and Unhitching Safely was taught by Bob Giles. Carriage Maintenance was taught by Mark Navratil. A tandem driving history lesson was given in the main pavilion followed by a demonstration in the main dressage arena. Campers were also given the opportunity to try driving tandem! The first day of camp was not finished yet!

To end the day at the pavilion with a welcome party to be followed by a Navigator Class taught by Elizabeth Keathley and Anne Raisner.

Friday, October 7th found everyone very busy as the mini lessons with the clinicians started at 8 am! Charlotte Trentelman and JR Hall were working with the beginner drivers on dressage and cones. Bob Giles was at “The Splash” getting everyone wet! Muffy Seaton was doing “Drive A Test” in the main dressage arena. Heike Bean, Gary Yeager, Larry Poulin and Elizabeth Keathley were working with the drivers on basics, dressage, cones, and marathon hazards. The morning found all the drivers very busy as they went from one clinician to the next for their mini lesson!

At noon was the lunch break and everyone was talking about their morning experiences. After lunch found drivers attending private lessons, educational classes, and the safari drive. Charlotte Trentelman taught De-Mystifying the Judges Mind. Can You Drive with Para-Driver



Aids was taught by Bob Giles and Chris Carswell. A junior driver only class was held from 4-6 PM in the Crazy Cones field – allowing camp clinicians to work more one-on-one with the juniors. After dinner, campers had the opportunity to attend the last class of the day – How to Figure Your Marathon Times/Green Cards/Stop Watches taught by Elizabeth Keathley and Anne Raisner.



Saturday, October 9th greeted the campers with another morning of mini lessons with the 9 clinicians! Charlotte Trentelman and JR Hall were working with the beginner drivers on dressage and cones. Bob Giles was at “The Splash” getting everyone wet! Muffy Seaton was doing “Drive A Test” in the main dressage arena. Boots Wright, Heike Bean, Gary Yeager, Larry Poulin and Elizabeth Keathley were working with the drivers on basics, dressage, cones, and marathon hazards.

At noon was the lunch break that was filled with the excitement of the last two days of lessons and educational experiences – so much positive energy being generated at camp about carriage driving! Our clinicians were doing a fantastic job! At 1pm the Safari Drive Course opened for the 2nd day – so many animals to find! The junior drivers had another session with the clinicians from 1-3 PM at the Crazy Cones field. The Crazy Cones Course opened for competition at 3 PM. It was so much fun watching the drivers go



through each of the elements – my favorite element was the singing of the A, B, Cs! Plenty of laughter during the competition.

Bob Giles hosted a “derby class” at 4 PM – allowing the drivers and the auditors a chance to learn how to properly plan and navigate a derby course. His class was followed by a demonstration.

Dinner was followed by the selection of 6 derby driving teams in preparation for Sunday’s derby. At 7:30 PM the campers had the opportunity to attend a class – “Preventative Maintenance on Your Equine Athlete” taught by Dr. Tracy Ferrell-Roberts, DVM.



Sunday, October 9th, sadly it is the last day of camp, but thankful for the absolutely perfect weather for the derby! The derby started on time at 9:30am and 30 carriage drivers successfully navigated the derby course! Many of the drivers experienced a derby course for the first time at camp. The support could be heard from everyone watching as they cheered, encouraged, and coached drivers through the course! The smiles and joy were palpable! Lunch found everyone gathered in the pavilion to receive their awards – team derby, crazy cones, and the safari drive. This closed out a very successful and well received Camp Black Prong.

Thank you to all the drivers, auditors, clinicians, volunteers, and sponsors for making Camp Black Prong 2022 so much more than we, the organizers, could have anticipated!



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Looking forward to seeing everyone at camp in 2023!

Until then – stay safe and have fun!

Camp Black Prong 2022 ` Janet Carswell & Linda Evans





Florida Winter Carriage Driving Festival



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2022 - 2023 Schedule of Events

Stride Dressage Show	Florida Horse Park,.....Ocala, FL	Sept 18, 2022
FW Iron Horse Continuous Drive	Iron Horse Farm,.....Ft. White, FL	Sept 24, 2022
FW Camp Black Prong	Black Prong Eq. Village,.....Bronson, FL	Oct 6-9, 2022
FL Horse Park Training Day	Florida Horse Park,.....Ocala, FL	Oct 10, 2022
FW Equinox Eq. HDT/CT	Equinox Eq. Ctr.,.....LeCrosse, FL	Oct 15, 2022
Stride Dressage Show	Florida Horse Park,.....Ocala, FL	Oct 23, 2022
USEF Ocala Intern. Horse Show	World Eq. Center,.....Ocala, FL	Oct 25-29, 2022
FW Trail Drive, CT & Derby	Jacksonville Eq. Ctr.,.....JAX, FL	Oct 28-30, 2022
FL Horse Park Training Day	Florida Horse Park,.....Ocala, FL	Oct 31, 2022
ADS Tickety Boo CT & Pace	Tickety Boo Farm,.....Melrose, FL	Nov 12, 2022
ADS Black Prong CT & Derby 1	Black Prong Eq. Village,.....Bronson, FL	Nov 16-17, 2022
FW E. Keathley Navigator Clinic	Crane Wood Farm,.....Ocala, FL	Nov 19, 2022
FW Cones Course Practice	Good Earth Farm,.....Loxahatchee, FL	Nov 19, 2022
ADS Tandem Pair & Multi CT	Tickety Boo Farm,.....Melrose, FL	Nov 20, 2022
FW Iron Horse HDT	Florida Horse Park,.....Ocala, FL	Nov 26-27, 2022
FW Elizabeth Keathley Clinic	Caloosa Horse Pk,.....Palm Beach Co, FL	Dec 3-4, 2022
ADS Grand Oaks HDT	Grand Oaks Resort,.....Weirsdale, FL	Dec 3-4, 2022
ADS BP CT 2 & Derby 2	Black Prong Eq. Village,.....Bronson, FL	Dec 7-8, 2022
FW Holiday Trail Drive	Wellington Envir. Prsve, Wellington, FL	Dec 18, 2022
ADS BP CT 3 & Derby 3	Black Prong Eq. Village,.....Bronson, FL	Dec 28-29, 2022
New Year's Eve Drive	Tickety Boo Farm,.....Melrose, FL	Dec 31, 2022
FW Sara Schmitt Clinic	Good Earth Farm,.....Loxahatchee, FL	Jan 8, 2023
FL Horse Park Training Day	Florida Horse Park,.....Ocala, FL	Jan 9, 2023
ADS Nature Coast CDE & CT 4	Black Prong Eq. Ctr.,.....Bronson, FL	Jan 12-15, 2023
FW Continuous Drive	Steeplechase,.....Morrison, FL	Jan 18, 2023
Stride Dressage Show	Florida Horse Park,.....Ocala, FL	Jan 22, 2023
FL Horse Park Training Day	Florida Horse Park,.....Ocala, FL	Jan 23, 2023
USEF Grand Oaks Classic CDE	Grand Oaks Resort,.....Weirsdale, FL	Jan 26-29, 2023
FW Fun Derby	Caloosa Horse Pk,.....Palm Beach Co, FL	Jan 28-29, 2023
ADS Derby #4	Black Prong Eq. Ctr.,.....Bronson, FL	Feb 1, 2023
ADS Grand Oaks Classic	Grand Oaks Resort,.....Weirsdale, FL	Feb 3-5, 2023
FW Dressage Clinic	Good Earth Farm,.....Loxahatchee, FL	Feb 6, 2023
ADS Dressage Festival	Black Prong Eq. Village,.....Bronson, FL	Feb 10-12, 2023
FW Continuous Drive	Steeplechase,.....Morrison, FL	Feb 15, 2023
USEF Spring Fling	Florida Horse Park,.....Ocala, FL	Feb 23-26, 2023
FW Lessons w/ Gary Yeager	Caloosa Horse Park,.....Palm Beach Co, FL	Feb 25-26, 2023
Stride Dressage Show	Florida Horse Park,.....Ocala, FL	Feb 26, 2023
USEF Combined Test	Black Prong,.....Bronson, FL	Mar 1, 2023
ADS Driving Derby #5	Black Prong,.....Bronson, FL	Mar 2, 2023
ADS BP Pleasure Show	Black Prong,.....Bronson, FL	Mar 4-5, 2023
USEF Live Oak Intl. CDE	Live Oak Stud,.....Ocala, FL	Mar 15-19, 2023
ADS Black Prong CDE & CT #5	Black Prong,.....Bronson, FL	Mar 23-26, 2023
Stride Dressage Show	Florida Horse Park,.....Ocala, FL	Mar 26, 2023
ADS Driving Derby Finals	Black Prong,.....Bronson, FL	Mar 29, 2023
FW Metta Baxter Clinic	Black Prong,.....Bronson, FL	April 1-2, 2023
FW Scott Monroe Clinic	Iron Horse Farm,.....Ft. White, FL	April 15-16, 2023
The Southern Drive	Grand Oaks Resort,.....Weirsdale, FL	May, 2023



My Near Death Experience With My Dream Horse

I took my horse Versace out for a conditioning drive thru the Goethe Forest. On the way home we pass a wooded lot that has a dog that rushes the fence but doesn't bark. He's known locally as the "Stealth Dog" and a lot of riders have gone off their mounts because of this dog.

As we were approaching the dog's yard, I said to my husband "We have to look out for the "Stealth Dog". I had my husband dismount the carriage to get to Versace's head. Before he could get there, the dog comes charging the fence. Versace spooks, rears up and spins around on his back legs away from the direction of the dog. In doing so, he is about to land on top of a neighbor's mailbox. This mailbox is one of those decorative cast iron mailboxes with a statue of a horse on top. If my horse lands on that, he would most certainly get impaled. It also happened to be trash day so their plastic garbage can was sitting beside the mailbox. In a split second I determined the lesser of the two evils would be to land on the plastic garbage can which would cause less injury. So, I jerked the reins as hard as I could to the right to miss the mailbox and landed on the garbage can. Versace took off like a shot at a dead run! Unfortunately, the trash can is now wedged between my carriage axles and we are dragging it down the limerock road. The noise the garbage can is making sounds like a roaring lion as we are dragging it. Versace is literally running for his life! Visions of getting seriously injured or killed are flashing through my mind. This is not going to end well!

I'm standing on the carriage brake pedal, the wheels are locked up and I'm pulling back on the reins with all my might. Nothing is slowing him down. The carriage is fishtailing wildly. Versace is now veering toward the side of the road which has about a 6" raised edge. Without my husband on the back for balance, the carriage will surely flip over when it hits that edge. We hit it and the carriage rocks back and forth but surprisingly doesn't flip over. What it did do was dislodge the roaring lion garbage can from under my carriage. Versace is still running for his life, I'm shouting whoa and he starts listening to me. About 100 yards down the road I finally get him stopped. I must have been holding my breath this whole time because as soon as he stopped, I started gasping for air. My heart was beating out of my chest! By the grace of God, we avoided the wreck I knew would surely happen if I didn't get him stopped.

I turned him around to look for my husband who helplessly watched this nightmare of horror unfold. He was collecting the bags of trash we spewed along the road and was taking them back to the neighbor's driveway. The garbage can did not live to see another day. It was smashed flat. Versace stood like a rock and waited patiently while we waited for my husband to rejoin us. As soon as my husband is back on the carriage we turned and headed for home at a relaxed walk, unscathed and thanking God every step of the way for a safe and happy ending. Versace & I lived to drive another day!

Linda Evans

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Equinox Equestrian Center Fall HDT

by Kami Landy

On Saturday, October 15th, Equinox Equestrian Center hosted its first Fall HDT. As this was our second event, we realize that there are still some lessons to be learned, one of which is to ask for help and advice early in planning. Many thanks are given to Lynda Jowers, Bob Giles, Candy Smith, and numerous volunteers for helping to make the EEC HDT a success!

There were so many highlights to the event, yet our focus is on one aspect in particular: out of 9 competitors, 4 were Juniors! Additionally, there were 3 delightful, efficient and enthusiastic youth volunteers.

I'm not sure which image was more delightful: the seriousness of Zachary Gaedtke and Paisley Kramer, the youngest competitors, or the fun of the kids' collective play once the ponies were all put away. All but one of the Juniors was driving their own equine. Ethan Yeager stepped up to drive his dad's Dutch Harness Horse ("Scotch"). Ethan is becoming one tough competitor! EEC believes it is contributing to the next generation of talented horsemen, competitors and friends in the discipline of combined driving!

The need for Juniors to have an adult navigator produced some interesting sharing complications in the order of go. It really wasn't possible for one mom to be on course with two different drivers at the same time. The small roster of competitors made the timing difficult, but it also allowed a more casual order of go, and ultimately there were no issues.

Other highlights from the HDT included positively perfect weather conditions! Professionals supporting the event included Dr. Erica Lacher, Erik Fox (farrier), Heather Stalker (dressage judge), and Bob Giles (cones judge). Heather was positive and encouraging with the dressage tests and Bob was his usual helpful and enthusiastic self!

The HDT used a modified format in marathon. There was a 3 km track with three untimed obstacles. With only two divisions, Training and Preliminary, this format enabled the organizers to run the event with somewhat fewer volunteers. Hurray for all volunteers!!!

And finally, the results:

Paisley Kramer (Junior), the only CT competitor, earned her blue ribbon with only two balls down in cones and minor time penalties.

.Zachary Gaedtke (Junior) earned First place in Training Pony. Keeping things in the family, Carolyn Gaedtke (mom) took second place.

Sean Gaedtke (Junior) won Training VSE with his Dusty Britches the wonder mini.

Patti Rozensky won the Preliminary Pony division with her amazing mare, Bella, who was smoking fast through cones and marathon.

In Preliminary Horse, Kami Landy, driving Marianna Yeager's FEI horse Bravo, won by a very narrow margin over Ethan Yeager, driving Gary Yeager's Advanced horse Scotch.

Special thanks go to sponsors High Springs Family Chiropractic and Stretch Zone of Gainesville. They kindly donated a voucher for a massage or an initial adjustment, and 4 vouchers for half-hour stretching sessions. Our happy raffle winners will be feeling soooo good!

EEC will soon announce the date for the Spring event. We hope all enjoy the Florida Carriage Driving Festival as more events get underway.



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ADS Carriage Show

Black Prong's Classic Under the Oaks is an American Driving Society recognized competition and will be held in accordance with the ADS rules. We recommend that all competitors familiarize themselves with the current ADS rule book.

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September 2022 – August 2023

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☐ New Application

☐ Renewal

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Name	Email	If Junior, Date of Birth

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- Driver must have a whip and carry it while in motion
- Horses must have bridles on with reins attached prior to hitching to a vehicle
- Horses may not be tied or left unattended when hitched to a vehicle
- Never pass another carriage at a fast trot and never drive too close to another carriage

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