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**Beth Rieselman and Dawson at the Iron Horse Continuous Drive**



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It's time for  
Christmas  
pictures!  
Send me your  
best Christmas  
carriage  
pictures for  
the December  
newsletter!

SOUTHEAST REGION UPDATE

Big SHOUT OUT to Paul and Glenda Van Sickle for hosting the Halloween CT and Trail Pace at their Tickety Boo Farm. This Fundraiser Event was originally scheduled to be at Lucky V Ranch, however the event was moved due to excessive rain. Nobody was disappointed, as we hear this Melrose farm is beautiful and a wonderful place for carriage driving. KUDOS to Anne Raisner who organized the event, was secretary and set-up crew. She drove many miles to pick up the dressage ring, cones, general equipment and signage and went above and beyond to make this a success. HUGE THANK YOU to Boots Wright for donating her time to judge, provide technical assistance and tutelage to those who wanted some training pointers. Proceeds have been earmarked by Paul and Glenda towards the Florida Whips Website. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED.

COMING UP:

NOVEMBER 21st. – Second CT and Trail Pace at Tickety Boo. Sandy Hebert will be organizing this event and information can also be found on the Flyer in this Newsletter.

DECEMBER 12th – Drive a Dressage Test at Jim Brandon Eq. Center. See Flyer in this Newsletter.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

Bettina



above, Gail Thomas, below Sandy Swift



# From the Desk of the President

I want you to draw an outline of a horse. Write the word “energy” inside of this outline. How this energy is released is an element we call pressure. Which brings us to the subject of bits!

A bit in of itself is a piece of metal that lays upon the ground in a form welded by input of a human and does nothing – at least manure produces green grass! And yet the bit controls the headset, the footfall, the rhythm, the speed, and the frame, to name a few. But in reality, it is the least important of the aides we employ to drive a horse.

The voice, the reins, the whip, the mental connection, and empathy must be used in random for the bit to be effective. How many of you have grabbed a medical book and studied the nomenclature of the horse’s mouth, the blood flow, the nerves, the tongue, and the teeth? The first thing I write on my calendar in the New Year is the date my equine dentist will be here.



I have driven hundreds of horses and not one of them has begged me to put a piece of metal in its mouth. I know for myself, I got rid of my pacifier as soon as possible and that was rubber!

There are two formulas to remember:

1. One ounce on your hand is one pound behind the bit in a horse’s mouth. That doubles with every inch of leverage on the side bars on a curb bit.
2. You move your horse one foot either direction by moving your hands one inch.

When we use our voice to communicate with the horse we bear our soul for it contains our joy, our fear, our happiness, our disappointment, our anticipation or our anger. The messengers for these emotions to our equine are the reins.

Our placement of the reins on the bit is a great indicator of your command of the animal and his temperament. Since we ride in remote control as drivers, we need to watch body language to help us dictate which bit to use. Every good trainer has at least 50 bits to pick from. If you are just getting into the sport of carriage driving, please, seek out a professional to find comfort for your horse’s mouth in the right size bit. Get them to help you adjust your bridle correctly, blinkers in the right position, nose band where and how tight it should be, curb chain (driving) is properly fitted and the hundred and one other details that makes the bit the friend your horse needs to drive better. So you can see the type of bit you need is not an easy answer. Until you narrow the parameters of what you want to do with your horse and your trainer and veterinarian has hands on your horse, there is no such thing as “one size fits all”. The combination of control, harmony between driver and horse and his bit all add up to the fact we are all in need of help and advice from someone more knowledgeable on the ground watching our horse go.

Have fun and keep your traces tight!

Bob



*Bob demonstrating bit pressure*



# RIDDEN DRESSAGE TO HELP THE DRIVING HORSE: TAKE BACK THE SLACK

by Bettina Scherer and Kirsi Husa

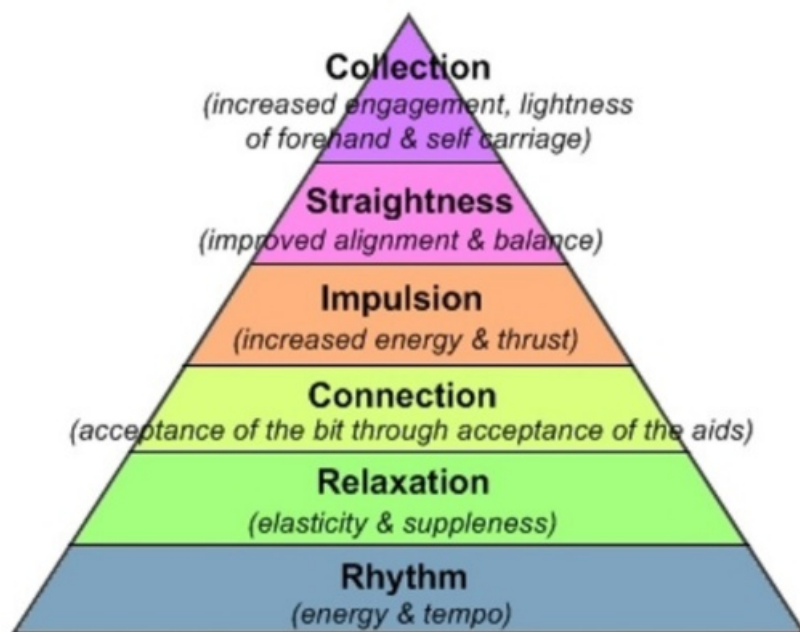
Riding your horse or pony to improve them for driving is something I believe in and I think it is good for the horse on many levels. While in Wyoming this summer, I had the good fortune to attend a ridden dressage clinic with a woman named Kirsi Husa and I wanted to share one of the many things I learned from her that translated to my driving.

Does your horse's head come up during transitions, are your circles not always round, are your straight lines crooked and lengthenings unbalanced? Perhaps your horse is telling you that he is searching for clearer instruction-- a more consistent and direct contact.

Hand, rein, bit signals come to the horse much quicker when you're riding (3' of reins) vs. driving (10'-20' of reins). By virtue of just the rein length, your signals are slower and not so precise. So at this point in my own training, it became obvious that I needed to keep more of a steady contact by "taking back the slack". ***Rein length and contact should be a game of centimeters not feet.***

There is no one formula to say how much weight you should have in your hands, but I think what we sometimes do (I do) is give my horse breaks in the contact because it is "kind". Kind is ok when you are done teaching your horse a concept, but throwing away your horse during the process of teaching them a specific concept, is confusing to your animal. Consistent and equal contact on both sides of the horse's mouth is something to try and implement. ***When the horse goes to the place you wish him to, then soften, don't throw the reins away completely.***

Kirsi's dressage methods center on bio-mechanics, and she had me work on my shoulders and arm position by doing something which was very unnatural for me: I had to try and squeeze together the backs of my armpits while opening the front of my armpits. (Yes Really). As I was riding, I couldn't hold this position for very long, HOWEVER, while I did this my horse immediately responded. While I was able to soften my arms or an inside rein when my horse gave the slightest bit of lightness and self-carriage (just a centimeter or two), it



*universal to all equine disciplines, the triangle is a guide to proper training*

took but a split of a split second to get her back in my hand when needed for a correction and the reminder to stay with me.

AND, this did in fact translate to my driving. "Keep your hands in front of your body" are words I hear constantly during my driving lessons. By keeping your reins on the shorter side, and using your shoulders to gauge how much to release in your arms, all the while giving vibrations through your hands, half halts at precisely the right time, a slight tap of the whip, without being rigid, is what separates the magicians from us mere mortals.

***My takeaway: Too much slack in the reins and inconsistent contact makes finding the "connection" nearly impossible.***

***Added Bonus: Once you establish a more solid connection, what follows is a horse that will be straighter, more attentive to your requests and then give you more impulsion easily and willingly when asked.***

# MUSINGS FROM THE (hates daylight savings time) EDITOR

Like Bettina I also ride my driving horse. I remember some videos from a Boyd Exell video a few years ago. Short snippets of videos, but one stuck with me. He was asked if his team was ridden. As I recall, it was a firm yes, a day or two every week. Some horses weren't fans of being ridden, and those did long line work instead. But it was clearly part of his program. More recently, The Horse had an article about management of the driving horse (<https://thehorse.com/179544/caring-for-driving-horses/>), it wasn't too surprising that riding the driving horse was also recommended.

So in my quest to be maybe 20% as good as Boyd, I'm a fan of cross training through ridden dressage. But what specifically are the benefits I see that apply to driving?

1. Better driving position, more consistent contact and a real understanding of the benefits of the Outside Rein. My elbows and shoulders are like barometers for how well ... or poorly things are going. It's so much easier for me to think about the weight of my contact down into my elbows (which means my hands are stable in front of me, where they should be for both disciplines) and because there is no terret in riding to "softer" my bad hand habits, the feedback from my partner is immediate. Bad Hands = Bad Results in both disciplines, but you sure hear about it from the horse faster with inches versus feet of reins!

2. Different muscle groups get worked through lateral work. This really helps when you are moving up into collection and extension. A few steps of haunches in into a lengthening, or later on, into a medium trot will really help! As you move out of the haunches in, you can feel the power behind. Instead of starting out with fast feet, you start out with strong thrust. What a great "bridge" to teach your horse that more power, not faster feet is what you are asking for!



*working on haunches in*



*Photo by Pics of You*

3. Collection is frustrating for the horse in the beginning. Collection is not slow, collection is less forward energy, and more energy spent creating suspension and flexion in the joints. It's "all that energy you had going forward, but... don't..." It's frustrating for the horse, especially the forward horse. They want to "solve the puzzle" of this new request, but "collection" isn't the first, second or third answer they usually try. Usually it's "Can I go more forward?" No. "Can I not go forward at all?" No. "Well alrighty then, you clearly want these feet to go somewhere, so sideways?" No. Eventually after all other choices are exhausted, they try the contained, collected energy approach. Being on them and supporting them with all possible aids, reins, seat, leg, whip and voice (because he is a driving horse) has to make it a less frustrating process for most horses.

4. Be ready for anything. As your horse progresses, you expect them to carry themselves light, collected and compact, ready for your next cue... and you better be ready for the next cue as well. I've been working on canter walk transitions, and one of the exercises is on the 20m circle, collected canter into haunches in canter, into pirouette canter (super collected) and melt seamlessly into a collected walk and from there I had to do what my trainer told me to do. Probably canter, but it could have been collected trot or a halt. That's where I learned how distracted I really am. Having achieved a beautiful canter walk transition, what did I do? Dropped all contact with my horse. I learned my lesson on being ready for anything, in short, I learned the lesson of the driving horse. If I was going to be ready for anything, my horse needed to be ready ahead of me!

What I have also learned over the two years I have been doing this, is that each discipline compliments the other. Every fall when we move back into driving, I am always freshly surprised at how soft and bendy my horse is. And in the spring after a long CDE seaso, he comes to ridden dreessage with so much strength. And that was when we were schooling the lower levels. Now that he is moving up in both disciplines, I can't wait to see what the future holds.



# Tickety Boo Tandem Club Clinic

By Tricia Lynn Glotfelty

The Tickety Boo Tandem Club hosted a tandem and random driving clinic on October 24, 2020 with Clinician David Saunders that consisted of a 7k casual group drive with a cones course clinic. The new club has been put together by David Saunders with Whips members that are interested in tandem and random driving.

David Saunders has a long list of accomplishments and credentials in the driving world. Luckily for us he has made Florida his home and is willing to share his experiences, talents and expertise with drivers ranging from the very beginner to the most advanced (his coaching students have included such esteemed drivers as Gloria Austin, Misdee Wrigley, Tucker Johnson and countess Consuelo de Grunne of Belgium). His knowledge is vast and he is in great demand for clinics in many disciplines including but not limited to, combined driving, coaching, pleasure driving and at this event, tandem and random driving. Saunders has seen and influenced the development of combined driving right from its earliest days and has put his mark on the driving world in many ways including developing new and innovative harnesses, carriages and driving bits. He was formerly the head coachman to the Duke of Edinburgh, Royal Mews, Windsor Castle, England and was the inspiration for the book *Competition Carriage Driving*, written by the Duke of Edinburgh (he appears in all of the Duke's equine books).

Four hitches attended the clinic; Paul Van Sickle with his tandem hitch of Fresians and Stephnie VanDenHerk as navigator, Louise Davis Blankenship with her random hitch of three ponies and Rex Blankenship as navigator, Lynn Parker with her tandem hitch of ponies with Lynda Jowers as Navigator and Sandy Herbert with her tandem hitch of fresians and Howard Herbert as navigator. The day began over coffee with a talk by Saunders on tandem driving and what he expected to cover during the activities of the day.



*David Saunders instructing Sandy Hebert*

The drivers all hitched up for the 7K drive around the gorgeous and historical countryside of Tickety Boo farms which ranged from dense pine forests to huge open rolling hills and fields lush with grasses.

Following the drive, lunch was served consisting of homemade soup and all the fixins' made by Glenda Van Sickle as well as treats the other drivers brought to share. After lunch the cones course was discussed and then walked together as a group. Saunders demonstrated on foot how tandems and randoms should prepare and approach each obstacle so that they are lined up properly to avoid any chance of error. He walked the entire course giving options for setting up each set of cones depending on the length of turnout and other factors affecting turning radius.

The drivers all returned to the staging area to hitch up and then returned to the cones course. Each driver ran the course and was timed. Each driver was then individually instructed by Saunders to try something a bit different to attempt to improve performance and time; all the drivers saw marked improvement upon implementation of Saunders' suggestions. Paul went from 142.75 to 123.89, Lynn went from 231.82 (+1 fault) to 156.12, Sandy went from 341.44 (+3 faults) to 215.64 (+1 fault) and Louise went from 153.95 to 133.72.

Following the clinic several fun awards were given including the Magellan award (Lynn) for most creative navigation on the drive, best overall improvement in cones (Sandy) and most entertaining (Louise) and last but not least, the Hostess with the Mostest (Paul). Overall everyone learned much, had a great time and all are looking forward to the next meeting of the Tickety Boo Tandem Club. Many thanks to the Van Sickle family for arranging and hosting this event. For information on the activities of the club or joining, please contact Paul Van Sickle.



*The group heads out on the 7K drive*



# IRON HORSE EVENTS: A Volunteer's Perspective

By Tricia Lynn Glotfelty

Brisk morning air, perfect for driving, met me upon my arrival at Iron Horse Farms for the October 17, 2020 continuous drive organized and hosted by Lynda and Reuban Jowers at their 38 acre Iron Horse Farm. When I arrived for the event Lynda zoomed up to my Jeep on a four wheeler and quickly introduced herself. It was my first experience as a volunteer there so I knew no one and was very happy to be welcomed so warmly. I was assigned to be the official timer for the cones course so Lynda directed me to a tent near the field where the cones course was all set up and waiting. The whole place was alive with volunteers, drivers getting ready, horses being warmed up and Lynda zooming around making sure everything was running smoothly.

There were many singles and pairs of all sizes ready to compete as well as three tandem hitches. The equines ranged everywhere from minis, Hackney, Welsh and Shetland ponies, Fresians, Arabians, Morgans, Dutch harness horses and even a mini mule. The drivers ranged from extreme novices to seasoned competitors that have won at the national level. All the fields were literally alive with equine activity.

Right on schedule the first bell rang; the day of each competitor begins with their dressage test followed by a two kilometer marathon that includes two hazards and ends with a cones course, where I was stationed. The judge for the cones was Bob Giles and I consider myself incredibly lucky to have been placed near him as our volunteer team got quite the education in driving that day with a little entertainment thrown in for fun. My mind was, and still is, literally teeming with new information when I left that day. It will take months to digest and integrate all that wonderful information into my own driving skills. I highly recommend volunteering if you are new to this sport as there are so many wonderful and knowledgeable people who are willing to share their knowledge with you if you are willing to listen. Plus Lynda



always feeds the volunteers a very nice lunch so no one goes home on an empty stomach!

For the second event on November 7, 2020 I was stationed at the check in table where I handed out entry packets and helped people to park. Once all the drivers had arrived and my job was done I watched as two other volunteers started drivers on their marathon leg of the competition. There is always something new to learn!

Both events have run like clockwork thanks to the hard work of the Jowers and all their volunteers; everyone thoroughly enjoyed both events. Many thanks to all the volunteers who gave up their Saturdays in order to provide the help necessary to put on such wonderful events for drivers, ponies and spectators, alike. It takes a small city to put on events like these and they would not be successful without the dozens of volunteers that helped make these events some of the greatest in Florida. The entire driving community is grateful to the Jowers for sharing their amazing farm and for taking the time to host events like this that will help keep the sport alive for many years to come. We need more events like this here in Florida and I for one hope there are many more at Iron Horse Farms.



*from top, clockwise: Fiona Lindsay Delfino driving May Bonita, Louise Davis Blankinship driving Hiccup and Marjas Becker with Emmy*



# IRON HORSE CONTINUOUS DRIVE RESULTS

October 17, 2020

Training single Horse: Wanda Funk  
Training Single Pony: Morgan Pevonka  
Training VSE: Yvonne Harris  
Training Tandem: Lynn Parker  
Advanced Pony Pair: Mary Phelps  
Intermediate Horse: Linda Evans  
Intermediate Pony: Marjas Becker  
Intermediate Pony Pairs: Roberta Greeno  
Prelim VSE: Martha Scott  
Prelim Pony: Gail Thomas  
Prelim Horse: Kami Landy  
Prelim Tandem: Louise Davis Blankenship



*above, Karen Cherry and Sir Noble, below - Roberta Greeno an with Hobbes and Payday*

November 7, 2020

Training Pony: Karen Cherry  
Training Small Pony: Marsha Dowell  
Advanced Pony: Mary Phelps  
Intermediate Horse and Pony: Marjas Becker  
Prelim VSE: Martha Scott  
Prelim Pair Pony: Julie Forsyth  
Prelim Pony: Karen Cherry  
Prelim Horse: Lynn Sellars



*Betsy Skinner and Winchester*



*Wanda Funk driving Red*

# What Every Show Secretary Wants You to Know

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By Anne Raisner

I won't lie - I'm intimidated by show secretaries. In the 70's and 80's the show office was not a scary place, not much information or paperwork was required. "What classes and may I have your check?" was the extent of the interaction. You gave them money, they gave you a number and life was pretty good on both sides of the desk. How times have changed! Now we have to send in entries, measurement cards, amateur status, coggins, health certificates, proof of rhino-flu vaccinations and an entry form that seemed to double in complexity overnight. It isn't really surprising that the show office was no longer the happy place of days gone by

Fast forward 10 years later when I discovered that combined driving was the most FUN you could have with an equine!! What a great group of people! They certainly like to have fun and have a great camaraderie with each other. For these reasons, I decided to try and organize some clinics and tiny events for the Florida Whips and not be like the secretaries from my past! And, I now know why show secretaries have become crabby over the years. The PAPERWORK!!!!

Luckily, most drivers do a great job filling out their entries. BUT please, have all the forms completed and sent in before the closing date. This might even be more important at a smaller local event, because chances are the people organizing these events are working with a smaller, less experienced crew than at recognized shows. They may be new to this job and trying their best to accommodate you, but once the show starts, they are busy! If you show up at the last minute with all the paperwork you meant to send in but ... time just got away from you.. That seems like it should just take a few minutes to set things, but if you are the third person who showed up with the same apology, that crew could find itself 30 minutes behind schedule. It really makes a difference when all the paperwork is in and done correctly!

As for me, after organizing a few small events, I have nothing but empathy for those show secretaries of the past. I have only handled a maximum of 14 entries at an event, while they have to deal with dozens upon dozens of entries. So, PLEASE practice entry etiquette for the sanity of your event organizers!! For those drivers entering ADS, USEF, and FEI events, Ellen Ettinger has provided a quick, very helpful DOs and DON'Ts for the Horse Show Office.

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## Do's and Don'ts

**Do:** Make sure you bring your Coggins Test and vaccination records with you to the show office, even if you have sent it in previously.

**Do:** Bring your checkbook. There may be some additional charges that were not included in your original check.

**Do:** Bring your passport if you have one. If the secretary doesn't need it, he/she will give it back to you.

**Do:** Make sure that you have signed your entry form in all applicable places.

**Do:** Make sure any and all membership numbers are filled in on your entry form.

**Do:** READ!!!! Read the prize list, omnibus, showbill, whatever. Read the Notice Board. Most questions are addressed in one of those two places.

**Don't:** Come come a knockin' on the show office when it is closed. It really is closed for a reason! We are finishing up paperwork for the next day (we know how badly you want those marathon times and course maps!), a meeting is going on, all sorts of things that make your show a seamless and hopefully fun experience.

As you move on into larger events, you find yourself faced with a whole different set of challenges. Not only do you have to check the Coggins Test and the health papers, it is your job as the secretary to make sure that all membership numbers are included (ADS and USEF, whichever is applicable). Otherwise, you have to look up each and every one that is not filled in. Part of the job of the secretary/organizer/show manager, is post competition reporting. Competitors never see this part, because of course, it happens after the show, but imagine having to look up all the competitor membership numbers and horse recording numbers. It takes an eternity, so the more information you give us up front, the better we can make your competition experience.



# More Pictures, because it is all about the pictures...



*Clockwise from top left: It's a bird, it's aplane... no, it's David Saunders explaining tandom/random approaches to Louise and Lynda. Mary Phelps' gangsta ponies on the trail with Bird riding along. Lynn Parker on the cones course. Lynda Jowers adjusting tack and bottom right, Paul Van Sickle on course in cones*





# Fun and Games at McCulley Farm

## *Proceeds will go to the Junior and Para Driver grant fund*

**WHEN: December 18-20, 2020**

**WHERE: 3019 McCulley Farm Rd  
Jasper, FL 32052**

*If your Junior is in need of a helmet or vest please contact Chris Carswell, our Juniors Director.*

Participate in Judged events or just come and enjoy camping and driving at the scenic McCulley Farm.

All judged events will have 4 levels of competition:

**Novice** – for participants fairly new to driving and competitive events

**Open walk/trot** – this level would be appropriate for training level drivers and equines

**Open trot/canter** – for the more competitive driver

**Junior A** – youth under the age of 15. Helmets are required and an adult must ride with them. A vest will be required in competitive events.

**Junior B** – youth age 15 to 21 years old. Helmets are required when driving and vests are required for competition.

### Events

**Trail Challenge** – Follow the prescribed route through the scenic trails along the beautiful Withlacoochee River, you can choose to accept the challenge and be judged on the 5 obstacles that you will encounter along the prescribed route or simply enjoy the drive.

**Cones Scramble** – you will be given 2 minutes to drive through as many paired cones as you can. Pick the best route to give you the most sets completed. If you hit a cone or knock off a ball, that set will not be counted.

**Derby** – Travel through sets of cones and maneuver through 2 obstacles as fast as you can. There will be 4 levels of competition. Novice and Juniors are walk/trot only. There will be an Open walk/trot for training level and Open trot/canter for the more competitive drivers.

**Safari Drive** – Follow the route and find as many animals as you can that are hiding along the way. You will be given a sheet of labels with the names of the hidden animals and a numbered sheet to place them on as each animal is located.

**Help Desk** – There will be a “help desk” open for the weekend. If you would like advice concerning your harness, carriage, or just basic driving issues, you can text the number that you will be given at registration and a seasoned driver will schedule a time to meet with you.

### Meals

Due to COVID, we are not going to be able to prepare meals. We will have bagged hotdogs, buns and condiment packets available for the bonfire on Saturday night, along with bagged ingredients for smores (roasting sticks will be provided). Bottled water will be available throughout the weekend.

Following the Whips function on Saturday, there will be a wine tasting party in the party barn (there is plenty of room for social distancing). Bring a bottle of your favorite wine for others to sample. Sangria will be provided along with index cards to write down the names of wines that you like. Fruit punch and games will be provided for the youngsters.



Fun & Games at McCulley Farm

Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Division: (circle one) Novice Open walk/trot Open trot/canter pleasure driving only

Junior Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: Junior A (under 15) Junior B (15-21)

\_\_\_\_\_ Division: Junior A Junior B

Registration Fee----- \$50 -----

Non driver registration fee----- \$20 -----

Junior registration----- 0 -----

**All facility fees are per person per night**

**# nights**

RV hookup + 1 stall----- \$25 -----

Non-driver (no stall) ----- \$20 -----

Juniors +1 stall----- \$10 -----

Extra stall----- \$10 -----

Primitive Camping + 1 stall----- \$20 -----

Grounds fee- Daily drive in----- \$10 -----

Cottage- \$255 for 2 nights. Call for availability (one sleeps 4, the other sleeps 6)

Non member fee----- \$15 -----

Available for purchase at McCulleys: **Total** -----

Shavings \$6 per bag

Ice \$2 per bag

Stall stripping \$20 (if you don't want to strip them yourself on Sunday)

Lynn Parker cell# 386-209-2212

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Live Oak, FL 32060

Louise Blankinship cell# 386-209-2500



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### DRIVE A DRESSAGE TEST

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2020**

**8:00-9:30 Registration, Safety Check and Instructional Course Walk**

**10:00-11:30 – Two opportunities to drive your test**

**12:00 Results Review, Lunch and Awards**

**DESIGNED FOR BEGINNER DRIVERS, JUNIORS, GREEN HORSES,  
WITH ALL LEVELS OF DRIVERS WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE AND MENTOR**

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- Entries and Registration on site the day of the show - \$30 per driver for two rounds
    - Helmets and whip required (Apron, gloves and jacket optional)
    - Groom on the carriage recommended for larger ponies and horses  
BUT required for all junior drivers
  - Covid 19 rules include masks and distancing except when on a horse or in a carriage
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**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION GO TO: THE FLORIDA WHIPS ([FlaWhips.org](http://FlaWhips.org))**

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# **Tickety Boo Farm HDT/Marathon "Lite" 21 November 2020**

**Location of Event:** Event sponsor & location: Tickety Boo Farm, 1070 N CR315, Melrose, FL 32666

**Date:** 21 November 2020

**Open date:** 1 October 2020

**Closing Date:** 11 November 2020

**Recognized by:** Florida Whips, Inc

**Organizer:** Sandy Hebert • jaxdrivers@gmail.com 904-673-2177

**Mail Entries To:** Sandy Hebert, 306 Branding Iron Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32234

**Accommodation/stall/paddock needs,** text/call Paul Van Sickle at 386-847-4642.

**Classes:** VSE, Pony, Horse

**Turnout:** Single, Pairs, Tandem/Multiples

**Dressage Test:** Drivers choice

**Cones:** Standard, Training, Preliminary, Intermediate

**Marathon Lite:** Approximately 4000 meters with 2-3 hazards.

**Dressage Judge:** Elizabeth Keithly

**Cones Judge:** TBD

**TD:** Elizabeth Keithly

**Entry Fee:** \$50

**Paddock or Stabling:** \$20 - limited stalls available.

**RV Electric Hookup:** \$20

**Non-Whips fee:** \$15

**Checks Payable to:** Florida Whips, Inc

**Additional Considerations:** Arena and warmup area grass. Awards: 1st through 6th, overall Champion & Reserve Champion. 9:00-12:00: Dressage and Cones. 1:00-4:00: 4k marathon "lite" with hazards.

**Lunch provided to Volunteers. Dressage Info - Bell. Cones - Whistle. Please send current ~~Coggings~~ and proof of Flu vaccine with your entry. Stalls or paddocks available, obstacles, 2 RV hookups.**

## Florida Whips 2020 Year End Awards - Guidelines/Format

**Category 1: Pleasure Show - points based:** Points apply regardless of entries (not weighted), single award (Ch-6th). No minimum # of events/classes to qualify.  
Points: 6, 5, 3, 2, 1 (1st thru 6th)

### Category 2: Rated Year End Awards (Rated: ADS, USEF, FEI recognized CT, HDT or CDE)

| Divisions    | Pony* | Horse | Turnout   |
|--------------|-------|-------|---|
| Training     | X     | X     | Single, pair, tandem, team (Includes ADS & USEF tests)                      |
| Preliminary  | X     | X     | Single, pair, tandem, team (Includes ADS & USEF tests)                      |
| Intermediate | X     | X     | Single, pair, tandem, team (Includes ADS, USEF Int and FEI CAI1* and CAI2*) |
| Advanced     | X     | X     | Single, pair, tandem, team (Includes ADS, USEF Int and FEI CAI3* and CAI4*) |

\* (includes VSE, pony, small pony)

Award based on overall best dressage score, **must show in at least 2 events, one has to be a full 3 phase event** (i.e., no awards for only doing CTs). Average of top 5 scores counts, if multiple judges, only "combined" score is used.

### Category 3: Whips/Unrated Year End Awards (Dressage show/test, continuous drive, DT)

| Divisions   | VSE | Pony* | Horse | Turnout                    |
|-------------|-----|-------|-------|----------------------------|
| Training    | X   | X     | X     | Single, pair, tandem, team |
| Preliminary | X   | X     | X     | Single, pair, tandem, team |

\* (includes small pony)

Awards based on overall best dressage score, **must show in at least 2 events**

### Additional Eligibility Rules

You MUST be a member of the Florida Whips before the competition starts

You can only be awarded in rated OR unrated, not both

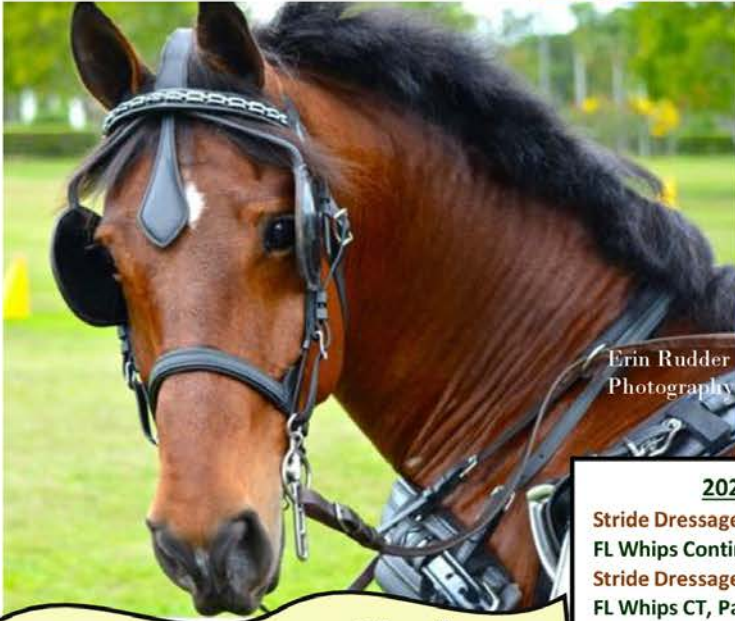
You are only eligible for one division per driver. Higher level will count if qualified in multiple levels

**Champion, Reserve, 3rd through 6th placings in all categories/divisions**

| Dates           |                 | Year End Category   |                   |              | Event   |
|-----------------|-----------------|---|-------------------|--------------|---|
| Start Date      | End Date        | Rated   | Whips/<br>Unrated | Pl.<br>drive | Refer to respective orgs for entry information                    |
| 9/27/2020       | 9/27/2020       |   | X                 |              | STRIDE  |
| 10/17/2020      | 10/17/2020      |   | X                 |              | Iron Horse Continuous Drive (FL WHIPS)                            |
| 10/25/2020      | 10/25/2020      |   | X                 |              | STRIDE  |
| 10/30/2020      | 10/31/2020      |   | X                 |              | CT/Trail Pace & Clinic @ Lucky V Ranch, New Smyrna, FL (FL WHIPS) |
| 11/7/2020       | 11/7/2020       |   | X                 |              | Iron Horse Continuous Drive (FL WHIPS)                            |
| 11/21/2020      | 11/21/2020      |   | X                 |              | CT & Pace Drive @ Tickety Boo Ranch, Melrose FL (FL WHIPS)        |
| 12/4/2020       | 12/4/2020       | X   |                   |              | Grand Oaks HDT as part of ADS Annual Meeting (ADS)                |
| 12/12/2020      | 12/13/2020      | X   |                   |              | Sarasota Polo Club (USEF Short Format DT)                         |
| 12/12/2020      | 12/12/2020      |   | X                 |              | PBCMP/WHIPS – Drive a Dressage Test (FL WHIPS)                    |
| 1/2/2021        | 1/2/2021        | X   |                   |              | Grand Oaks Short Format DT (USEF)                                 |
| 1/9/2021        | 1/9/2021        |   |                   | X            | PBCMP/WHIPS - Minis and Pony Pleasure Fun Show (FL WHIPS)         |
| 1/15/2021       | 1/17/2021       | X   |                   |              | Nature Coast DT & CT @ Black Prong (ADS)                          |
| 1/27/2021       | 1/31/2021       | X   |                   |              | Grand Oaks CDE (USEF/FEI)   |
| 1/31/2021       | 1/31/2021       |   | X                 |              | STRIDE  |
| 2/5/2021        | 2/7/2021        | X   |                   | X            | Grand Oaks Classic, CT & Derby (ADS)                              |
| 2/10/2021       | 2/10/2021       |   | X                 |              | Steeplechase Continuous Drive (FL WHIPS)                          |
| 2/18/2021       | 2/21/2021       | X   |                   |              | Spring Fling CDE (USEF/FEI)                                       |
| 2/28/2021       | 2/28/2021       |   | X                 |              | STRIDE  |
| 3/3/2021        | 3/7/2021        | X   |                   |              | Live Oak International CDE (USEF/FEI)                             |
| 3/10/2021       | 3/10/2021       |   | X                 |              | Steeplechase Continuous Drive (FL WHIPS)                          |
| 3/13/2021       | 3/14/2021       | X   |                   |              | Grand Oaks Short Format DT (USEF)                                 |
| 3/13/2021       | 3/13/2021       |   | X                 |              | PBCMP/WHIPS – Drive a Dressage Test (FL WHIPS)                    |
| 3/26/2021       | 3/28/2021       | X   |                   |              | Black Prong CDE & CT (ADS)  |
| 3/28/2021       | 3/28/2021       |   | X                 |              | STRIDE  |
| 4/3/2021        | 4/3/2021        |   |                   | X            | Iron Horse Pleasure Show (FL WHIPS)                               |
| 4/10/2021       | 4/10/2021       |   |                   | X            | PBCMP/WHIPS - Cones and Pleasure Fun Show (FL WHIPS)              |
| <b>5/6/2021</b> | <b>5/9/2021</b> | <b>AWARDS PRESENTATION @ SOUTHERN DRIVE AT GRAND OAKS</b> |                   |              |   |



# Florida Carriage Driving Festival/ 2020 / 2021



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**Florida Whips Members  
Are Eligible for End of Year  
High Point Awards!!  
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## 2020 / 2021 Schedule of Events – Something For Everyone !!

|                                    |                                      |                    |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Stride Dressage Show               | Florida Horse Park .....Ocala, FL    | Sept 27, 2020      |
| FL Whips Continuous Drive          | Iron Horse Ranch.....Ft. White, FL   | Oct 17, 2020       |
| Stride Dressage Show               | Florida Horse Park.....Ocala, FL     | Oct 25, 2020       |
| FL Whips CT, Pace, & Clinic        | Lucky V Ranch.....New Smyrna, FL     | Oct 31-Nov 1, 2020 |
| FL Whips Tune Up Clinic            | Waldoch Farm.....Tallahassee, FL     | Oct 31, 2020       |
| FL Whips Continuous Drive          | Iron Horse Ranch.....Ft. White, FL   | Nov 7, 2020        |
| FL Whips Beginner's Driving Day    | Sandy Acres Ranch.. Jacksonville, FL | Nov 14, 2020       |
| FL Whips/PBCMP Cones Fun Day       | Jim Brandon Eq Ctr...W Palm Bch, FL  | Nov 14, 2020       |
| FL Whips CT & Pace                 | Tickety Boo Ranch..... Melrose, FL   | Nov 21, 2020       |
| ADS Annual Meeting & HDT           | Grand Oaks Resort..... Wiersdale, FL | Dec 4-5, 2020      |
| USEF Sarasota Polo, Short Format   | Sarasota Polo Club.....Sarasota, FL  | Dec 12-15, 2020    |
| FW/PBCMP Drive a Dressage Test     | Jim Brandon Eq Ctr...W Palm Bch, FL  | Dec 12, 2020       |
| FL Whips Camping Fun Event         | McCully Farms..... Jasper, FL        | Dec 18-20, 2020    |
| FL Whips/PBCMP Picnic Drive        | Flying Cow Park.....Wellington, FL   | Dec 27, 2020       |
| USEF Grand Oaks Short Format DT    | Grand Oaks Resort.....Wiersdale, FL  | Jan 2 - 3, 2021    |
| FL Whips Metta Baxter Clinic       | Grand Oaks Resort.....Wiersdale, FL  | Jan 9-10, 2021     |
| FW/PBCMP Mini & Pony Pleasure Show | Jim Brandon Eq Ctr...W Palm Bch, FL  | Jan 9, 2021        |
| ADS Nature Coast DT & CT           | Black Prong Eq Center....Bronson, FL | Jan 15-17, 2021    |
| USEF/FEI Grand Oaks CDE            | Grand Oaks Resort.....Wiersdale, FL  | Jan 27-31, 2021    |
| Stride Dressage Show               | Florida Horse Park .....Ocala, FL    | Jan 31, 2021       |
| ADS Grand Oaks Classic, CT & Derby | Grand Oaks Resort.....Wiersdale, FL  | Feb 5-7, 2021      |
| FL Whips Continuous Drive          | Steeplechase.....Bronson, FL         | Feb 10, 2021       |
| FW/PBCMP – Cones & Obstacle Fun    | Jim Brandon Eq Ctr...W Palm Bch, FL  | Feb 13, 2021       |
| USEF/FEI Spring Fling CDE          | Florida Horse Park.....Ocala, FL     | Feb 18-21, 2021    |
| Stride Dressage Show               | Florida Horse Park.....Ocala, FL     | Feb 28, 2021       |
| USEF/FEI Live Oak Int'l CDE        | Live Oak Stud.....Ocala, FL          | March 2-7, 2021    |
| Florida Whips Continuous Drive     | Steeplechase.....Bronson, FL         | March 10, 2021     |
| Florida Whips Desensitizing Clinic | Iron Horse Ranch.....Ft. White, FL   | March 13, 2021     |
| USEF Grand Oaks Short Format DT    | Grand Oaks Resort...Wiersdale, FL    | March 13-14, 2021  |
| FW/PBCMP Drive a Dressage Test     | Jim Brandon Eq Ctr...W Palm Bch, FL  | March 13, 2021     |
| ADS Black Prong CDE & CT           | Black Prong Eq Ctr.....Bronson, FL   | March 19-21, 2021  |
| Stride Dressage Show               | Florida Horse Park.....Ocala, FL     | March 28, 2021     |
| FL Whips Pleasure Show             | Iron Horse Ranch.....Ft. White, FL   | April 3, 2021      |
| FL Whips Cones & Pleasure Show     | Jim Brandon Eq Ctr...W Palm Bch, FL  | April 10, 2021     |
| The Southern Drive                 | Grand Oaks Resort.....Wiersdale, FL  | May 6-9, 2021      |



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