

View From Behind The Dash



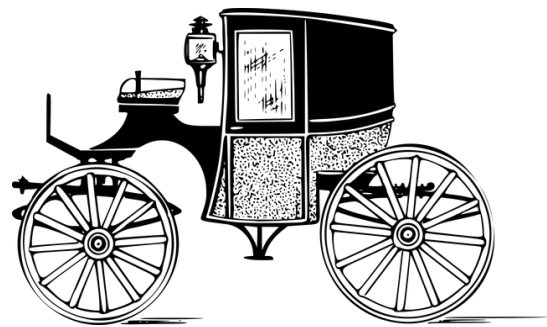
Newsletter of the Florida Whips Driving Club

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APRIL/MAY
2022

What kind of carriage is this?



answer: A brougham – a light, four-wheeled carriage, named after the politician and jurist Lord Brougham ca 1839.

Promoting all aspects of equine harness driving by encouraging good will and emphasizing safety and education.

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View From Behind the Dash is the newsletter of The Florida Whips, a state-wide organization of carriage driving enthusiasts. The newsletter is published September through May.



Check out what's happening on the Florida Whips Facebook pages! Search for Florida Whips – there are multiple pages to like and follow.

Facebook Group Administrators:

Denice Klinger

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www.flawhips.org

The new and improved website has lots of useful content, including the most up-to-date calendar, event forms, archives, membership info, etc. Special thanks to Veronica Close for maintaining the website – a very BIG job!

On the cover:

Southeast Region's 6th Annual Holiday Fun Drive happened January 2nd, with four ponies and two horses attending. Brittany Penny of Jupiter Florida is a new member and brought her lovely mini Buff. In attendance were Kathleen Alston and Travis, Susan Guinan and Elton, Deb Bennett and Shatzy, Sherrill Clark and Fireman, Brittany and myself with Vivi and Barbara Young on the backstep. Potential new member Kelly Perez came by to check us out and is interested in getting a driving animal and learning how to drive. Picnic and

*Grab Bag followed our 45 minute park loop at the Wellington Preserve. The weather was perfect.
-Bettina Scherer*

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How Lucky Are We?

With over 45 well attended driving events, the 2022 Florida driving season has demonstrated beyond a doubt that the sport of driving is thriving in Florida!

Whether you recently attended your first event or you're a seasoned competitor working to improve your skills, you've demonstrated the courage and commitment required to push yourself beyond your comfort zone. KEEP GROWING!

We are all sincerely grateful for those who volunteered your time and effort to contribute to the success of these events. To the army of hosts, organizers, judges, scribes, ring stewards, wheel measurers, score runners, trainers, navigators, and grooms – without whom this sport is simply not possible – THANK YOU! Each of you are critical members of the driving community.

It is with this thriving driving community in mind, I must discuss a critical matter which threatens to undermine all we have achieved: the need for volunteers to fill leadership positions.

The volunteers who are elected to serve as the Board of Directors, Regional Directors, and Committee Chairs are responsible for the club administration. They work behind the scenes to support the Florida Whips membership by managing club finances and insurance, approving the proposed schedule of events, publishing the annual calendar and events flyer, maintaining the club website and newsletter, organizing educational clinics, managing the membership database, and communicating changes to with the membership base.



Foto: Marie de Ronde-Oudemans

Bob

President's Message

Each position requires a commitment of approximately 12 hours per month. Volunteers serve a two-year term, and each position has a two-term limit.

There are **nine open volunteer positions** for the 2022 Florida Whips election year:

President – Presides over BOD meetings, manages feedback from the membership, resolves disputes.

Vice President – Schedules BOD meetings, ensures compliance with all by-laws, and acts as interim President in the event the President is unable to perform his/her duties.

Membership Director – Maintains membership database and mails welcome packets/calendar/flier to membership.

Southeast Regional Director - Organizes events for the Southeast Region.

Southwest Regional Director – Organizes events for the Southwest Region.

Youth Director – Promotes driving sport to those under 18 years of age.

Marketing Chair – Creates Florida Whips Calendar, The Events Flyer, secures advertising in *Driving Digest*, *The Whip*.

Newsletter Editor – Writes articles, gathers content, creates, and emails a Monthly/Bi-Monthly Newsletter.

Web Administrator – Updates Website with status of scheduled events, fliers, and registration forms and newsletter.

These volunteers are your fellow club members and competitors and frankly they're worn thin.

The Florida Whips plays a vital role in promoting the sport of driving by offering low cost events which welcome drivers of all experience levels. We offer the calendar, the website, and newsletter which create a sense of community among drivers supporting and motivating the development of all. We provide access to insurance for small venues which otherwise may be unable to host events. If we cannot fill these positions, there may be no alternative but to dissolve the club.

The club is at a critical juncture, and we need YOUR help. Together we can ensure the Florida Whips and the sport of driving thrive well into the future.

How Lucky Are We?

Info. from the Sandy Membership Director

Treasurer's Report Beth

Membership Summary

	2021	2022	% to Total
FL - Northern	108	90	43.7%
Household	39	34	
Individual	65	54	
Organization	4	2	
FL - Southeast	36	43	20.9%
Household	10	15	
Individual	26	26	
Organization	0	2	
FL - Southwest	32	28	13.6%
Household	10	11	
Individual	21	16	
Organization	1	1	
Out of State	31	38	18.4%
Household	7	11	
Individual	19	21	
Reciprocal	5	6	
No Address Provided	0	7	3.4%
Household	0	1	
Individual	0	5	
Organization	0	1	
Grand Total	207	206	100.0%

	# of Members
Total Membership in 2021	207
New Members Joining in 2022	47
Lapsed Members who rejoined in 2022	8
2021 Members who did not renew in 2022	56
Total Membership in 2022	206

We have had a very busy winter season with numerous clinics, drives, shows, and the upcoming Metta Baxter clinic.

The checking account balance is \$21,967.55

The saving account balance is \$10,001.04

The CD balance is \$5783.34

A complete report will be available at the Annual Meeting at the Southern Drive meeting May 14th.

Notes from the Linda Vice President

Hi All,

As our driving season comes to a close, my tenure as Vice President is also coming to an end. You will be electing a new Vice President at the annual membership meeting to be held during the Southern Drive at Grand Oaks Resort, May 14th at 2:00 PM.

It has been my honor to serve as your vice president! I hope I have lived up to your expectations. The club is in dire need of new board members and I hope some of you will consider running for an office. I have been a member of The Florida Whips since I moved to Florida 20 years ago and I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the biggest and best carriage driving club in the country. I will continue to serve the club as a volunteer, driver and cheerleader for our members. Carriage driving in Florida is growing with almost every weekend during the driving season being filled with events. My hope is that our club will keep up with all this growth!

Thank you for your membership and happy driving!

Florida Whips Annual Membership Meeting

Open to ALL Current Florida Whips Members - Refreshments will be served

Saturday • May 14th, 2022 at 2:00 PM

The Grand Oaks Resort: 3000 Marion County Rd, Weirsdale, FL 32195

BOARD MEMBERS (Voting Members – 2 Term Limit)	Position	Officer	Term Ends
	President:	Bob Giles	2022
	Vice President:	Linda Evans	2022
	Treasurer:	Beth Rieselman	2023
	Secretary:	Janet Carswell	2023
	Membership Director:	Sandy Hebert	2022
	Youth Director:	Kami Landy	2023
	Northern Regional Director:		2023
	Southeast Regional Director:	OPEN	2022
	Southwest Regional Director:	OPEN	2022
COMMITTEE CHAIRS: (Non-Voting Members)	Newsletter Editor	Allyn Carman	2022
	Website Administrator	Veronica Close	2022
	Marketing Chair	Sandy Hebert	2022
	Education Chair	Anne Raisner	2022
	Member Recognition	Denise Klinger	2022
	Volunteer Appreciation Chair	Sandy Hebert	2022
2:00 PM - 2:10 PM	1. Welcome and Opening Statements The Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call of Board Members Vote to Approve the Agenda	Bob Giles	
2:10 PM - 2:15 PM	2. Approval of Previous Minutes Reading of Previous Minutes Vote to Approve Previous Minutes	Janet Carswell	
2:15 PM - 2:30 PM	3. Officer Reports Report of the President Report of the Vice President Report of the Treasurer Report of the Secretary Report of the Membership Director Report of the Youth Director Report of the Northern Reg Dir Report of the Southeast Reg Dir Report of the Southwest Reg Dir	Bob Giles Linda Evans Beth Rieselman Janet Carswell Sandy Hebert Kami Landy	
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	4. Election of Officers Open positions listed above in red	Bob Giles	
3:00 PM - 3:15 PM	5. Reports from the Chairs Report of the Newsletter Editor Report of the Website Administrator Report of the Marketing Chair Report of the Education Chair Member Recognition Chair Volunteer Recognition Chair	Allyn Carman Veronica Close Sandy Hebert Anne Raisner Denise Klinger Sandy Hebert	
3:15 PM – 3:45 PM	6. New Business Open Discussion		
3:45 PM	7. Adjourn		
3:45 PM - 4:00 PM	8. Membership Renewals Accepted	Sandy Hebert	

**THE SOUTHERN DRIVE
AT THE GRAND OAKS
May 13-15, 2022**

CLINICIANS:

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

Muffy Seaton fourfleas@aol.com

Taz Lester 352-209-5503

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.

The following hotels are within 15 minutes of the Grand Oaks Resort:

Marriott Towneplace Suites	The Villages	352-753-8686
Comfort Suites	Lady Lake	352-751-5788
Holiday Inn Express	Lady Lake	352-750-3888
Microtel	Lady Lake	352-259-0184

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.



SOUTHERN DRIVER AT THE GRAND OAKS
REGISTRATION FORM
May 13-15, 2022

Name: _____			
Address: _____		City, State, Zip: _____	
Phone: _____		Cell: _____	
Day & Estimated Arrival Time: _____		Email: _____	
Cottage Rentals:	Yes	No	Location: _____
RV Rental:	Yes	No	
Stable with: _____			

	Fee	How Many	Total
Registration Fee Includes:	Registration per person	\$75	\$
* 3 days of activities and use of all driving facilities (arenas, cones, trails and open obstacles)	Stabling (\$50 per stall/per night)	\$50	\$
FRIDAY:	RV Camping (\$50 per night)	\$50	\$
Morning - Property open to drive	Shavings per bag	\$8	\$
Afternoon 1:00 Crazy Cones	Paddock Rental (\$50 per night)	\$50	\$
4:00 Derby Cross	Derby Cross (per run)	\$25	\$
(2 Obstacles in Fiber arena with water crossing)	Total Enclosed		\$
Training level - no water	Make checks payable to Grand Oaks Resort or pay by Visa or MasterCard		
SATURDAY: Florida Whip Meeting, Auction & Awards	Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____		
Morning - Scrabble Cones	Name as it appears on the Card _____ 3 digit code _____		
Afternoon - Florida Whips Meeting, Auction	Signature _____ Date _____		
SUNDAY:	Please include these items with your entry. Thank You!!		
Morning - Safari Drive	<input type="checkbox"/>	Registration form	
* Private Lessons: Individual lessons with instructor is available by contacting them directly.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of Coggins & Flu/Rhino Vaccine	
Clinicians: Muffy Seaton fourfleas@aol.com	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grand Oaks Liability for each person attending	
Taz Lester 352-209-5503	<input type="checkbox"/>	Check or CC information	

K.H. Corbin Specialized Services will be the Food Vendor for the event.
The Bistro is Closed for the Summer.



**2022 SCHEDULE FOR
THE SOUTHERN DRIVE
AT THE GRAND OAKS**

FRIDAY, MAY 13		
8:00 - 4:00	Registration/Event Office Open	
All Day	* Drive at Will on Property: Trails, open obstacles (helmets required), cones and dressage rings * Private Lessons: Contact Individual Clinicians to Schedule Lessons*	
10:00 - 4:00	Food Vendor open across from Covered Arena	
1:00	CRAZY CONES - Sponsored by Muffy Seaton	Racetrack Arena
4:00	DERBY CROSS - (2 Obstacles in Fiber arena with water crossing) Training Level - no water	Triple Crown Arena
	Please keep away from Covered Arena area - Horse Show arriving	
SATURDAY, MAY 14		
8:00 - 4:00	Registration/Event Office Open	
	Please keep away from Covered Arena area - Horse Show taking place	
All Day	* Drive at Will on Property: Trails, open obstacles (helmets required), cones and dressage rings * Private Lessons: Contact Individual Clinicians to Schedule Lessons*	
10:00 - 4:00	Food Vendor open across from Covered Arena	
9:30	SCRABBLE CONES - Sponsored by the Florida Whips	Racetrack Arena
	You will have 2-1/2 minutes to drive through the lettered cones to spell as many words as you can.	
2:00	Florida Whips Meeting, Auction & Awards	Bridge Room
SUNDAY, MAY 15		
All Day	* Drive at Will on Property: Trails, open obstacles (helmets required), cones and dressage rings * Private Lessons: Contact Individual Clinicians to Schedule Lessons*	
	Please keep away from Covered Arena area - Horse Show taking place	
10:00 - 4:00	Food Vendor open across from Covered Arena	
9:00 -10:00	Cowboy Church in the Chapel	
9:00	SAFARI DRIVE	
	See if you can find all the animals hiding on the farm.	Triangle Area



Welcome New Members!

We would like to take the opportunity to welcome the 47 New Members who have joined the club since September 1, 2022.

If your name is listed in bold below – we do not have your contact information. Please email send an email to sandyacresranch@gmail.com so we can ensure you receive all future club communications.

Karen Arnett	Carolyn Gaedtke	Amy Neary-Franklin
Leslie Berndt	Sandra Godofsky	Kristal Ray
Tammy Birbeck	Michael Gruskiewicz	Leslie Robinson
Erin Brashears	Cherie Hansen	Jennifer Schuck
Kathryn Breedlove	David Herrick	Hannah Shirley
Centerline Inc.	Stanley Horton	Paula Simmons
Karen Christopherson	Mary Hunter	Gretchen Stanley
P.J Crowley	Andrey Jimenez-Trushina	Rachel Stevick
Julie Czarnola	Michele Johnson	Alison Stroud
Deb Day	Nancy Lenaerts	Anne Tucker
Susan Dooley	Maureen Long	Carita Wall
Michelle Ehrlich	Valerie Massari	Lorri Wallis
Jennifer Faleris	Megan Enterprises LLC	Meg Weinberger
Cindi Forbes	William Miller	Doug Yeo
Betty Fox	Aletta Muller	Catherine York
John Friga	Allison Nash	

IT'S YOUR NEWSLETTER

The best newsletters consist of – NEWS!

Please take an active part in the production of a great newsletter for our club. With all of the events and activities here in Florida, we have a lot of opportunities so let's share our fun and accomplishments!

Articles, stories – send what you can, I can help write & edit.

PHOTOS: Hi-resolution if possible. Include the who-what-when-where:

- **NAMES** of all humans, & equines
- **WHERE** was this?
- **WHAT** event or activity?
- **name of PHOTOGRAPHER**

Deadline for each issue is the 20th of the prior month.
email to: news.flawhips@gmail.com



**Would you like to see your photo in next year's Florida Whips Calendar?
Join our 2022 Driving Season Photo Contest!**

Photo submissions will be posted on the Florida Whips Facebook Page on May 1, 2022

The Top 12 Entries as voted by our membership will be featured in next year's calendar!

Contest Rules:

- Submissions must have the full knowledge and consent of everyone associated with the photo. This includes the photographer, all human subjects, as well as the owner of all non-human subjects.
- You must be a current Florida Whips Member to participate.
(Includes submitting photos and voting for favorites).
- Subject Matter of the Photo must be Equine Driving.
- All photos must be submitted via email in their original high-resolution format.
(No Photos taken from Facebook).
- All Submissions must be accompanied by a completed Contest Submission Form.
- Limited to one submission per member. Photo does not need to feature the member submitting it.
- Photos must have been taken after September 1, 2021.
- Photos must be received no later than Friday April 29, 2022.
- Photos will be posted on Facebook on Sunday, May 1, 2022, along with an identification number.
NO details about the photo will be provided at that time.
- Votes must be submitted via email. All emails must be received no later than Friday May 13, 2022.
No Exceptions – No consideration will be given to emails which were not received due to technical issues / incorrect address.
- Winners will be announced at the Southern Drive Annual Membership Meeting May 14, 2022, at 2:00 PM.
- There is NO PRIZE for winning this contest – other than having your photo featured in next year's calendar.
- In the event of a tie the photo which was submitted first will win.

Email your photo in its original file format to sandyacresranch@gmail.com

2022 Florida Whips Driving Photo Contest

Name of Florida Whips member submitting the Photo _____

Approximate Date the photo was taken _____

Name of photographer / person who took the Photo _____

Has the above granted permission to use this Photo? YES / NO

Name of All Human Subjects featured in Photo _____

Has the above granted permission to use this Photo? YES / NO

Name of ALL Equine Subjects featured in Photo _____

Owner of Featured Equine Subjects _____

Has the above granted permission to use this Photo? YES / NO

Name of any Non-Human / Equine Subjects in Photo _____

Owner of Featured Non-Equine Subjects _____

Has the above granted permission to use this Photo? YES / NO

Where was the Photo taken (Location and Event name, if applicable)?

2022 Florida Whips Driving Photo Contest Voting Ballet

Email ballet to: sandyacresranch@gmail.com

Florida Whips Member Submitting Entry _____

Rank your choices 1 – 12 (1st being your very Favorite – 12th being your 12th Favorite)

Photo ID Number

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. _____ (2 points) | 7. _____ (1 point) |
| 2. _____ (2 points) | 8. _____ (1 point) |
| 3. _____ (2 points) | 9. _____ (1 point) |
| 4. _____ (1 point) | 10. _____ (1 point) |
| 5. _____ (1 point) | 11. _____ (1 point) |
| 6. _____ (1 point) | 12. _____ (1 point) |

CARRIAGE DRIVING LESSONS WITH ELIZABETH KEATHLEY IN PALM BEACH COUNTY

by Deb Bennett

At the request of the December students, by popular demand Elizabeth Keathley graciously agreed to return to Caloosa Equestrian Park in Palm Beach County, on March 12-13, 2022. Caloosa is a development at the very northern edge of Palm Beach County. However, attendees came from as far away as Miami. All four of the junior drivers were very apprehensive about having a lesson with Elizabeth in December, however, afterwards all four were very enthusiastic about having her come back for more lessons. This view was also shared by the adults.

Florida Whips was very kind and gracious in again providing a grant that allowed the juniors to have lessons at half price. Surprisingly none of the juniors' parents are "horse people." In fact, one mother told me she is afraid of horses and her daughter's pony.

At the request of the parents, the juniors' names are being withheld. The youngest is 9, two are 12 and one is 16 years old. One parent relayed that her sweet child has dyslexia and since starting to drive last summer her reading ability has shown a remarkable steady improvement.



by Dianne's students.

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