



# VIEW FROM BEHIND THE DASH

PROMOTING ALL ASPECTS OF EQUINE HARNESS DRIVING BY ENCOURAGING GOOD WILL AND EMPHASIZING SAFETY AND EDUCATION

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## *Southern Drive 2020*

photo by Kathleen O'Grady

*Who has fun in dressage? Wanda Funk does! Wanda and Eurokehm, getting pointers from Scott Adcox and Gary Yeager during their Fix-A-Test*



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**THE NEW WEBSITE IS COMING!  
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Look for the new website this week. There may still be some wrinkles to iron out, but for the most part, the membership form, event forms, organizer’s forms, by-laws, contacts, and other general information is there.

Most of our Club forms, including organizer’s forms, and actual entry forms and show flyer boiler plates, are now easily accessible and downloadable. The policies and protocols of the Club will be revisited at the Planning Meeting and modified as needed, at which time they will then be published.

Once the 2020/2021 events have been approved at the Planning Meeting in August, the new calendar will list these. In addition, there will be a secondary listing/page of those events that will provide specific forms, flyers, contact and information for each specific event.

Lastly, the old Florida Whips Logo has needed a facelift for many years. We tried to work with it for the website, but it just doesn’t have the resolution to look good. If any member has the skills to update the old logo and would be able to do this for us, please let me know.

Thanks,  
Bettina

**NOTE: Effective with the new "Club" year (September 2020), complimentary trainer listings will only be included if the trainer is a member of the Whips. Non-members are always welcome to purchase an ad!**

## From the Desk of the President



Welcome to The Florida Whips, the most motivated, educated, progressive driving club in America! Myself, my board of directors and general membership stands ready to help you and your horse or pony have a long, safe driving career. This can only be achieved by asking the right questions. We hope you become an active member in the declining numbers of the club and encourage others to join and reap the knowledge we wish to share.

Way before dreams of blue ribbons is the wellbeing of your equine. So that nicker in the morning is their way of saying "Go out there and learn how to do this carriage driving correctly so we can have fun!" Give your horse or pony a huge pat from The Florida Whips! We look forward to working with you! Call me anytime with questions or concerns.

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## A Note about Safety (and your role as a Whips Member!)

I saw this scenario play out time after time as a trainer of carriage horses until my surgical accident. People go out to buy a driving horse, usually green, sometimes spending really big money. Green + green equals black and blue. They go to an auction or Ebay and buy a \$100 leather harness that can be ripped apart by hand. If you see this, stop them from using it. I have! Then they buy a \$500 Meadowbrook cart, a casket on wheels if something goes wrong. They can't get out. This type of carriage is fine with a quiet, broke horse but should not be used for breaking. Or, they buy an easy entry cart with dry rotted bicycle wheels that blow out and suddenly the hoofs are flying and they are in danger of being kicked by those flying hooves. "What's a kick strap?". Educate them on the benefits of using one when breaking a horse to drive. My favorite one is "We're going to make him a driving horse because he is not rideable."

So, make your membership in The Florida Whips count. Lead a potentially new driver to the safety of a professional. It's a lot more satisfying to watch their 1st successful drive than visiting them in a hospital because of a carriage accident.

Show your concern for your fellow drivers. Share your knowledge with them. They can learn from our past mistakes. There is no room for inflated egos in our sport. Let's keep this year accident free!

Need advice? I'm just a phone call away!  
Keep your traces tight!

Bob Giles  
352-208-0476

I hope everyone is keeping cool! I jest. Rather I hope everyone has managed to avoid melting... Up here in Georgia it hasn't been quite as hot as Florida, but what we lack in heat we like to make up for in endless rain. Sometimes it is Florida style afternoon frog stranglers and sometimes we like to do a stand in for Seattle, with just... rain all day long. Endless rain gives one time to be introspective (or drink wine). Like everyone else I'm wondering what the next steps are, will our calendar start up in fall? What's our new normal? Some shows are starting up around here and it is cautiously working. I scaled back my ridden dressage plans and decided 2nd level is a work in progress this summer, so I'll do a few schooling shows over the summer and make plans to start fitting up Xander for some fall CDEs. My one and only show this summer was a COVID-19 safe affair. They set up a box – an old style wood coke crate (we ARE in Atlanta!) - with your ribbons and test results for a little



self service when it was time to pick up your results and it goes without saying it is pretty easy to be socially distant at a dressage show. I hope our less busy approach to competitions makes it easier to hold them come fall/winter!

## Southeast Region Update

Dear SE Region,

Our Regional Alternates, Sali Petri and Anne Raisner attended the Annual Meeting at Grand Oaks and held our Planning Meeting there. Paul and Glenda Van Sickle and Denice Klinger were also represented and while the group was small, they reviewed the minutes from last year and have approved us going forward with a pretty active fun schedule for next year. While we don't know how Covid – 19 will affect our driving events, we are at least being proactive with our goal to keep our local membership strong and attract new members by offering training events that will be low cost, fun and educational.

The PBCMP/WHIPS will be held every second Saturday of the Month in the mornings at the Jim Brandon Equestrian Center in Palm Beach County.

If anyone else in the northern part of our Region would like to add something to the calendar, please let me know prior to August 1st, as we can modify the above schedule in any way that meets our Region's needs and objectives, and some dates may be changed to work with the Northern and SW Regions, as well as some of the bigger events scheduled during the season.

Hope everyone is doing well,

Bettina  
SE Reg. Director

### Southeast Region Schedule (Subject to Board Approval)

October 31st – Halloween HDT at Lucky V Ranch  
November 14th – PBCMP/WHIPS – Cones Fun Event  
December 12th – PBCMP/WHIPS – Drive a Dressage Test  
December 27th – Holiday Picnic Drive – Flying Cow Park  
January 9th – PBCMP/WHIPS - Mini's and Pony Pleasure Fun Show  
February 13th –PBCMP/WHIPS - Cones and Obstacle Course Fun Event  
March 13th – PBCMP/WHIPS – Drive a Dressage Test  
April 10th – PBCMP/WHIPS - Cones and Pleasure Fun Show

# Florida Whips Member of the Year and Volunteer of the Year

At the Annual Meeting, the Florida Whips honored our members who go above and beyond, helping not just the Florida Whips driving community, but the driving community overall. We honored two volunteers, which may be the most underappreciated and important job of all, and we also honored two members as Member of the Year, for their contribution to the Whips. But rather than read my thoughts on these members, read these lovely testimonials by fellow members. Oh yes, and last, but most certainly not least, the club approved a resolution to rename the volunteer award the **Erika Matulich Memoriam Award** in honor of one of our greatest volunteers.

## Volunteer of the Year - Linda Evans

Linda has been driving for about 30 years. She first came to Florida to show at Live Oak and moved to Florida after retirement. She has been regional director, alternate director, Vice President and president. She has been a frequent volunteer at club and non-club events and a willing helper to anyone who needs it. I can't think of anyone who deserves this more

*Lynda Jowers*



## Member of the Year - Lynda Jowers



Lynda Jowers is by far the most knowledgeable and giving person I've ever met. She introduces lots of new and old drivers to combined driving. Helps anyone that asks for help on learning how to drive a proper dressage test. She's the master of teaching drivers how to make a round, yes, round, not octagon, or triangular shaped circle.....um, round! If you have a horse or pony new to crossing water, just holler for Lynda and April. They have helped so many people and horses learn to get in the water. Lynda opened up her farm many years ago to north Florida drivers on Tuesday mornings. Pot luck lunches are like Thanksgiving feasts served promptly at noon. If you're in need of a gator for practice, she's there to help out. You need a gator when one of your students wants to learn to drive a pony team, she's there to help out. Lynda also opens up her farm and holds 1 HDT every fall for novice drivers and horses/ponies. No worry, Lynda is only 78, still a spring chicken and she gatored at all CDE's in the southeast including Live Oak CDE in 2020, planning on doing it again next year. Age is a number, which means experience and she's sure got that!

*- Louise Blankinship*

# Volunteer of the Year - Bob Giles

As many of you know, Bob Giles suffered a life altering injury during surgery to repair fractured vertebrae in this neck, May 1st, 2019. The injury left him a quadriplegic, unable to move from the neck down. Bob endured 6 months of grueling physical therapy determined to drive horses once again. Bob regained his ability to walk with limited use of his arms but never regained feeling from the neck down. He fought his way back to limited mobility determined to return to carriage driving in whatever capacity he could. So he showed up at competitions offering his volunteer services. Slowly Bob was able to return to driving his horse, Drake and entering driving events. Even while competing Bob volunteered going so far as riding his scooter to help set cones. A thankless job even able bodied people don't want to do. For Bob to volunteer in his compromised physical condition is proof of his dedication to the sport he loves, carriage driving! There is no one more deserving of volunteer of the year than Bob Giles!

- Linda Evans

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My name is Chris Carswell and I am twenty-one years old. I have a very rare genetic condition called Loeyes-Dietz Syndrome 4. I have suffered many medical challenges in my lifetime – including strokes and brain surgeries. I am physically disabled and legally-blind, but this does not stop me from pursuing my dream of becoming an International para-driver for the USA.

2017-18 was my first full year driving in competitions. Not to say that it was my first year driving, I have driven since I was about 5 years old. With that being said - the show season was a wonderful experience because of my coach, mentor and friend, Bob Giles!

Bob Giles has gone above and beyond to make sure my pony and I were ready to compete. You see, my Nana, had terminal cancer and was already on Hospice Care when Bob came back to Florida for the winter. I wanted to stay home and spend time with my Nana, but I also knew that my pony needed to be worked and trained to be ready for the show season. Bob picked up my pony, all of her equipment and took her to his farm in Morriston, FL. He trained her and drove her to prepare her for the show season - always calling me at home to update me on her progress. His kindness allowed me to stay with my Nana until she passed on November 5, 2017.

His kindness did not end there for my pony and me! I cannot drive a car because of my vision loss. I needed to get to Bob's



for practice and my Mom needed to be at home in Georgia to take care of my Nana's estate and our little farm - problem. Problem solved, Bob let me move into his house with him! Now I could train full-time and my Mom didn't have to worry - blessing!

I learned a lot from and about Bob while living with him over the winter. Not only did I learn more about driving, ponies, horses, training, care, rules and regulations than money could have ever purchased, but I learned about "heart" and "true passion". I learned firsthand from a "master" of both and I am not just talking about driving! I watched as Bob fielded every phone call and visit - he helped everyone that asked for his help. If the person could not come to him, well, he went to them. He took on the horses and ponies that had hurt or scared their owners and transformed them into confident driving horses and ponies. He gave the owners back their sense of safety and confidence in their animal. He gave others "joy"!

I watched Bob as an instructor, a clinician, a student, a driver, and a friend. He is a "well of knowledge" in so many areas, but as far as driving, well, I guess I think he is amazing! One thing that I will remember for the rest of my life, whether I am driving or not, is what Bob said to me every time we drove and especially after competing at a show - "How Lucky Are We?" Those words are forever etched in my soul because living this life and enjoying something we are passionate about, YES BOB! How lucky are we?

Thank You for being there for me!  
I love you – Chris Carswell

# Member of the Year - Janet Crumpton

It is difficult to express my gratitude to her. You know this saying, "a dog wags its tail with its heart" - well, I am like that dog. I want to say so much, but I can hardly find the words.

Janet came into my life at The Southern Drive in 2019 and changed my life in driving. (We had never met before this meeting) She heard my dream of driving well enough to try for a spot on the USA Para-driving team and competing at the Para-driving World Championships. She heard my heart and without hesitation, stepped up to become my sponsor for the 2019-20 driving season! It was like a fairy tale and she became my Fairy Godmother!

Her generosity allowed me to get a custom-built carriage for my special needs as a para-driver. It allowed me to have a full-time coach and trainer, Sterling D.B. Graburn. It allowed me the freedom to attend all of the shows from Kentucky to Florida, to include my first ever trip to Live Oak International!

Not only did she sponsor me for the season, but she also attended all of my shows to support me. Sometimes she was supporting me while showing her own pony, Donner, at the same show! She always made time to be my biggest cheerleader. So, I'll just say that she is one of the greatest heroes in my life.

Her support and understanding renews my faith in humanity. Her selfless acts give me strength to continue driving and chasing my dream. Without her random acts of kindness - I would struggle to compete at the level needed to try for the USA Para-driving team, but then she came along and I remember why I am so in love with this wonderful life!



What is a hero?

There are heroes who walk among us  
Never looking for glory or praise,  
They don't seek recognition  
For their thoughtful, caring ways.  
Living lives of deep commitment  
Providing for those they hold dear,  
Steadfast with a quiet strength  
Through times of laughter and tears.  
Janet, you are a person like that to me  
The most selfless person by far.  
So, I'd like to thank you  
For being the HERO that you are!

Love and gratitude - this is what I feel for you. Love and gratitude - these are the best emotions one can imagine.

Thank You!  
Chris Carswell and Kianti

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**Congratulations to all our Volunteer and Member of the year recipients!**

**And most especially, THANK YOU to all our volunteers and members who give their time, their money, their expertise, their labor and so many times, all of the above... THANK YOU! You are the heart of our club.**



# Whips in Action: About that Border COVID Checkpoint...

*Editor's Note - Bob is a man of action. When he saw the problem with the second checkpoint, he didn't just grumble and complain to everyone he knew (my typical plan), but rather he tried to solve the problem. And as a result of this letter, Florida officials have set up meetings to discuss how we can keep our horses safer during these hot summer months.*

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
407 South Calhoun St.  
The Mayo Building (M-7)  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

June 25, 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to kindly acknowledge a concern I have involving the mandatory Covid-19 checkpoint at the Georgia and Florida state line. I was heading north on I-95 earlier this week and became alarmed by what I was seeing at the checkpoint. There was traffic backed up for several miles getting into the checkpoint. In this line of traffic I witnessed several horse trailers with horses on the trailers waiting in the line. The temperature outside – heat index – was over 100 degrees.

I would like to request that trailers carrying horses (any livestock) be waived through the Covid-19 checkpoint the way that the semi-trucks are allowed. If Covid-19 checks need to be done then I would like to suggest that the checks be done at the Agricultural stop where these trailers already have to stop. Having the horses and other livestock standing in the trailers in this extreme heat is inhumane and unfair when there clearly is a better way to monitor these drivers.

Thank you for listening and I hope the changes can be implemented as soon as possible.

Sincerely,  
Bob Giles  
President of the Florida Whips – Carriage Driving Club  
7630 SE 120th Ct  
Morrison, FL 32668



# The Florida Whips Membership Survey

by Sandy Hebert

It's often said the most important skill of the equestrian is the ability to listen to the horse. As equine drivers, our personal safety is dependent on our ability to interpret our horses' whispers before they become a silent scream. Unfortunately, the attention and effort we focus on listening to our horses often fails to carry over to our human interactions. Hearing people is easy but really listening is more far more difficult.

In the past five years there have been significant changes within the Florida Whips membership. Overall, our membership has declined 33.6% since 2015. Each year an average of 52 members walk away and never come back. These are people with a demonstrated interest in equine driving who were members for an average of 2 years. What went wrong? Why are they leaving? Did they try to explain? Likewise, an average of 37 new members join the Florida Whips each year. What are their goals? Do they feel welcome? Are we meeting their needs and expectations?

Florida Whips Memberships							
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Average
Total Membership Count	229	204	181	158	176	152	
Difference to previous year		-25	-23	-23	18	-24	-15.4
Renewal memberships		150	144	132	138	122	137.2
Brand New Memberships		54	37	26	38	31	37.2
Dropped Memberships (NEVER renewed)	-59	-56	-40	-34	-74		-52.6

If you review the official calendar of 2019/2020 Florida Whips Sponsored Events (pre-COVID cancelations), you find our planned events were actually very evenly distributed in focus between Fun, Education, and Competition. Unfortunately, this is not the perception.

There are many events offered by independent venues throughout the season which provide opportunities to compete and we must support them. After all, roughly 50% of our members LOVE to compete! However, based on the feedback of our membership, perhaps we should consider adding additional fun and educational events to our roster. Events to support those remaining 50% who either are not ready or have no desire to compete.

Success will require a commitment from all of us. We cannot simply rely on those already organizing events to address this issue – they'll burnout. We, the membership, must be willing to step forward to either organize new events or augment the existing ones. And we must over communicate these efforts – proactively including those members who may not be actively engaged in the group and inviting back those who may have previously been lost.

Success will also require funding. As an organization, we must be willing to financially support not only to our competitive drivers but also the educational clinics, fun drives, and enhanced communication which are so important to the overall membership. With judicious targeted spending, we can both enhance our current membership experience and preserve our financial security.

In summary, the Florida Whips attracts a healthy number of new members to the group each year – however overall membership is declining. Perhaps by actively listening and serving the needs of the entire membership base – we can improve member retention and position the Florida Whips for continued success for many years to come.

**Fun, Education, Competition, and Financial Security – We Can Have It All!**

# 2019/2020 Florida Whips Membership Survey Results

by Sandy Hebert

In November of 2019, I mailed a total of 210 surveys to current and former members from the 2018, 2019, and 2020 seasons. There were 54 respondents. While the survey was anonymous, answers to several key questions confirmed the respondents represented a cross section of the overall membership body.

Survey Respondants					
Residence		Length of Membership		# of 2019 Events Attended	
Northern Florida	37.0%	1 - 2 years	13.0%	0	17.0%
Central Florida	25.9%	3 - 5 years	31.5%	1	9.3%
East Coast	9.3%	6 - 10 years	24.0%	2	18.5%
West Coast	5.6%	10+ years	31.5%	3	24.1%
Southern	9.3%			4 +	31.1%
Out of State	12.9%				

The survey consisted of 3 multiple choice questions - members could check all that applied.

The percentages below represent the frequency respondents selected each option. Responses are ranked in order of response %.

## 1. Which of the following benefits of membership are most important to you?

Socializing with others who share my interest in equine driving	68.5%
Access to a variety of educational resources and opportunities	61.1%
Opportunities to compete – CDE / HDT etc. -	55.6%
Supporting the sport of driving (Judging / Coaching / Volunteer)	51.9%

## 2. In which type of event are you most likely to participate?

Recreational Drives –	64.8%
Clinics (With your horse)	61.1%
Educational Classes (Without horse)	57.4%
Competitive Events: CDE/HDT	51.9%
Social Events	38.9%
Pleasure Shows -	31.5%

## 3. What is the most significant obstacle YOU face when participating in events?

Total Cost of Participation	31.5%
Very Few Events Offered in My Area	24.1%
I wouldn't have any help at the event	16.7%
Low Confidence in My Skills or the Skills of My Horse	9.3%
Availability of Information Prior to the Event	9.3%
I don't know other members/I'd be by myself	9.3%
Events Offered in My Area Do Not Interest Me	3.7%

There were also 4 open ended questions to which respondents could provide free form answers. (Comments consolidated)

## My Favorite Thing About the Florida Whips is.....

The wonderful people / Comradery / People are friendly and fun to be around  
 Friendly Supportive close- knit community / Connection with other drivers / Everyone is so helpful to each other  
 Fun Drives / Continuous Drives / Social aspect / Fun  
 Getting together with driving friends / Competing together and socializing  
 Great source of information / Educational Events / Metta Baxter Clinic / Learning and Growing in the sport  
 Willing to help develop new drivers / Support for driving sport  
 Great Calendar! / Great Newsletter / Love to know about driving events happening in FL

# 2019/2020 Florida Whips Membership Survey Results, *continued*

## The Thing About the Florida Whips I'd most Like to Change is....

The Website – I still can't log in

I miss receiving the newsletter in the mail. I never think of looking for it on-line. I never know when the events are until it's too late

Improve collective communication

Have meetings more often / An open annual meeting with activities

Be more versatile / More venues

More fun things like trace paces, recreational drives, camping / Too much emphasis on CDE

Schedule conflicts with STRIDE / Events all occur in a very short window of time

More attempts to engage younger drivers in our sport

Be more inclusive of people who are working, not just retirees

I would like to see more one day events

More intro / beginner level events / More demos for the public

Nothing

## I wish the Florida Whips would ...

Work as a state organization and work together.

Sponsor more low-level fun shows and clinics / Host their own recognized shows

Host more HDT in the central and southeast region / Have grass roots driving events in my area

Have more pleasure driving opportunities

Offer year end awards at State Level

Improve their website – if the website is do difficult or expensive to maintain, we need to beef up our Facebook page

Send email reminder when there is an upcoming event / Advertise events better on the website

Have a social roster of co-located members

Host more clinics / learning opportunities to support families that want to get in the sport

Host more educational opportunities like Metta Baxter

Have a meeting when the Snowbird members are in Florida

Host open events to welcome those who are curious about driving / encourage young people to drive

Have another workshop with lots of teachers and classes / More events like Camp Black Prong & Southern Drive

Have more equine professional roundtables

More recreational drives / Trace Paces

Continue as they are

Recognize regular show volunteers without whom none of this is possible

## General Feedback

I don't compete anymore but I like to keep up with what's going on.

My horses are retired but I like to stay informed

I don't have a horse but I LOVE to volunteer!

The core of volunteers in my region have dwindled so we don't have as many events. The veterans are worn out.

I joined earlier this year but never received a user name or password. I've tried to reach out a few times to no avail.

I was sad they cancelled the pleasure shows the first year I joined. I really enjoyed them.

THANK YOU for organizing and focusing activities on horse driving.

Perhaps we could host a re-sell it day

# Florida Whips Year End Recognition

The Florida Whips is trying something new this year, recognizing the lowest dressage scores of the year. If it goes well, I'd like to expand it to a more formal "year end" awards program next year. This year will be unique so if it seems unusual that's because EVERYTHING is unusual this year!

So without further ado, here are the rules:

- Only Florida CDEs counted, not CTs
- You have to be a FL Whips member in good standing
- No averaging of scores (because of the abbreviated competition year), I took your best score and that was the only one used in the placings, also you could appear in two categories (i.e., prelim and intermediate, horse or pony)
- I combined single/pair/team in each category, and "pony" includes VSE, Small Pony and Pony. Para/non para drivers combined. Training is all combined.

Categories are:

Training (all categories), Preliminary Pony, Preliminary Horse, Intermediate Pony, and Intermediate Horse

## TRAINING

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Category</u>
1.	Bettina Scherer	Nature Coast	47.11	Single Horse
2.	Lynn Parker	Grand Oaks	55.61	Single Pony
3.	Karen Cherry	Nature Coast	58.67	Single Pony

## PRELIMINARY PONY (VSE, Small Pony, Pony, includes singles, pair, team)

1.	Roberta Greeno	Grand Oaks	<b>45.11</b>	Pair Pony <b>LOW PRELIM SCORE</b>
2.	Patti Rozensky	Grand Oaks	47.44	Single Pony
3.	Diane Adams-Simmons	Nature Coast	49.22	Single Small Pony
4.	Denice Klinger	Spring Fling	49.78	Single Pony
5.	Janet Crumpton	Spring Fling	57.67	Single Pony
6.	Gail Thomas	Nature Coast	64.00	Single Pony



*Patti Rozensky, LLF Lucent, Katydid CDE (above)  
Viola V, (aka Vivi) owned and driven by Bettina Scherer (left)*

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# Results, continued

## PRELIMINARY HORSE (includes single, tandem/pair, team)

	Name	Venue	Score	Category
1.	Bettina Scherer	Nature Coast	45.56	Single Horse
2.	Ellen Epstein	Spring Fling	50.11	Single Horse
3.	Paul VanSickle	Spring Fling	50.43	Tandem Horse
4.	Bonnie Hudson	Spring Fling	50.78	Single Horse
5.	Linda Evans	Nature Coast	52.11	Single Horse
6.	Lynn Sellars	Spring Fling	52.44	Single Horse

## INTERMEDIATE PONY (VSE, Small Pony, Pony, includes singles, pair, team)

1.	Boots Wright	Spring Fling	<b>42.67</b>	Pair Pony <b>OVERALL LOW SCORE</b>
2.	Denice Klinger	Nature Coast	59.49	Single Pony
3.	Louise Blankinship	Nature Coast	60.06	Single Pony
4.	Morgan Pevonka	Nature Coast	62.38	Single VSE
5.	Roberta Greeno	Live Oak	63.09	Pair Pony

## INTERMEDIATE HORSE (includes single, pair, team)

1.	Chris Carswell	Spring Fling	44.77	Single Horse
2.	Tom Warriner	Grand Oaks	47.58	Pair Horse
3.	Bob Giles	Spring Fling	49.26	Single Horse
4.	Sigrid Edwards	Grand Oaks	54.72	Single Horse
5.	Jean Thornton	Spring Fling	59.60	Team Horse
6.	Ellen Epstein	Live Oak	61.02	Single Horse



*Karen Cherry driving Noble a Welsh/Warmblood cross. Mark Cherry(husband) is the navigator for marathon (above)*

*Boots wright driving Bax (bay) and Mista Q (chestnut) to Best Intermediate Dressage at Live Oak International (left)*

# Results, continued (more pictures!)



*Linda Evans at Grand Oaks driving her Dutch Harness Horse, Versace (above) photo credit to Louise lester and congrats on earning your bronze medal in 2020!*



*Bonnie Hudson driving Casey (Blythewood Casino Royale) put to a Summit View carriage at Live Oak*

*Denice Klinger driving Ironwood Xander at the USEF Preliminary Championships held at Spring Fling (below) photo credit Pics of You*





# Results, continued (more pictures!)



*Roberta Greeno at Live Oak with Calvin and Hobbes (above) Photo credit Denice Klinger*

*(right) Chris Carswell, USA Para-Driver, driving his Friesian sporthorse, Kianti with (invisible) coach, groom and navigator, Sterling D.B. Graburn (sponsored by Acousti Engineering). Photo credit Pics of You*



*(below) Paul VanSickle, moving up to a random now that he has done a tandem dressage test (yes, that score is from a tandem!) Photo credit Kathleen O'Grady*



# Southern Drive 2020

In spite of everything, Grand Oaks Resort and the Florida Whips still managed to pull off a great Southern Drive. Things were a bit toasty since it was moved to June and all our events were held outside, but as always, it was as much fun as legally allowed. A big shout out to Tom, Kacy, Jenn and the team at Grand Oaks for pulling off the event without a hitch (even with inconveniently timed thunderstorms) in a COVID-19 kind of world. I think I speak for most of us, when I say we really needed Southern Drive this year!

In addition to the usual events, this was also the Florida Whips annual meeting and elections. Congratulations to our new president, Bob Giles! Also, we have a new



treasurer, Elizabeth Rieselman and two new regional directors; Janet Hamilton (Southwest region) and Betsy Skinner (Northern region). All other positions were either re-elected or not up for election this year. We also held a silent auction to raise funds for both the new website and the Para drivers. Max and Anne Meinel did a wonderful job of collecting donations and managing the auction.

I would also like to give a big THANK YOU to Kathleen O'Grady who took tons of lovely pictures and graciously shared them with everyone. Be sure to buy her the drink of her choice the next time you see her!

Here's the link she shared on the Whips facebook page  
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/QbSQiBmws1vamdky5>

And here are just a few of her lovely pictures. I'm just putting them out there without identifying them, some people I knew, others I did not, so just enjoy the pictures!

- Denice



*Someone has opinions about dressage. Me too, little man, me too...*



# Southern Drive 2020, *continued*



# Southern Drive 2020, continued



**THAT'S ALL FOLKS!**

*This is our last issue until September... That issue will be a DOG DAYS issue! So it's time to get out the camera and pose with your pups (or cats) on or with the carriage. I'll be looking for a cover dog picture (hint, those work out best when they can be cropped 3:4 or square). I'll put out a "formal" call for pictures in August, but for now, it's time to take your best HIGH RESOLUTION dog & carriage pictures!*