

View From Behind the Dash

June/July 2021: Newsletter of the Florida Whips



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



The Grim Reaper "De-sensitizes" Painted Forest Lance at Iron Horse Farm

Photo By: Lynda Jowers

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Message from the Pres.

Bob Giles, President

We all enter the driving world at a different level of financial security. One of our major investments entering the driving world is a horse trailer, usually used. The biggest safety issue I see in relationship to purchasing an older trailer and keeping our equine partner s safe are the trailer lights. The lights on the older trailers are usually one foot off the ground.



Bettina Scherer awards Whips President Bob Giles his Grand Champion ribbon for the overall top driver in the Para Driving division during the 2020-2021 year end awards ceremony. Photo: Tricia Lynn Glotfelty

I not only want the vehicle behind me to know if I am stopping or turning, but I want the vehicles two or three car lengths back to know that I am stopping or turning. Being rear-ended can ruin you and your equine partner's whole day, as well as cause injuries.

If you are going to make the investment in an older horse trailer, please, make the additional investment in having lights added to the top (at the rear) of your trailer. Get LEDs for they will show up twice as bright during inclement weather, especially in heavy fog and torrential rains.

Keep your traces tight!
Bob...



News from Your Editor:

By: Tricia Lynn Glotfelty

As our summer heat descends on us I am hard at work building your newsletter, putting together the Whips calendar for the upcoming 2021-2022 season and learning the ropes of being a new Regional Director for the Southwest and Southeast regions. I am working on several editions to catch you up on the activities and events that occurred during the five months when we had no newsletter. A whole lot of driving happens here in the winter months so it may take me a while but I will cover each and every event I attended including our Driving Triple Crown. If you have photos from any of the events from December to July 2021, please send them to me by email. Make sure to include the event title, people's names, horses names, photo credit and a release for publication. I am still collecting photos for the calendar so please send me your favorites. Make sure you include driver and navigator names, the photo credit and a full release for publishing the photo.

Get your event applications and event ideas in to your regional directors ASAP (the applications are due to the board no later than August 1). You need to have all applications in so that your event will be included on the annual calendar. Anyone can suggest an event so please send your suggestions if you have some, the more activities we have the more opportunities we have to drive together!!!

Write to me and tell me about your driving activities, your horses, upcoming events, shows, things you have for sale, your favorite horse, driver or navigator, driving gear or horses/ponies you are looking for. Send me articles and ideas, along with those Photos! This is YOUR newsletter so send me YOUR news!! Tell me what would YOU like to see in YOUR newsletter. If you don't, you'll see a lot of me; fair warning! Ha ha!

What to look for in future editions

Awards Awards Awards

Accidents and Wrecks; how to prevent them + articles from carriage manufacturers!

Show and event listings

Classifieds and ISO wish list

Horse of the month

Driver spotlight

Bloopers

Instructor/trainer wall of fame for your students

Flashbacks like throwback Thursdays!

What else would you like to see? Lets make the newsletter something you look forward to reading. Reach out to me, introduce yourself, tell me what's happening in your neck of the woods. Keep looking where you are going, not where you are!!



SE REGION UPDATE

By Bettina Scherer

To our SE Region members:

First, I'd like to thank Tricia Lynn Glotfelty for offering to take on the job of SE Region Director. I often wonder why people don't jump at the chance to be director, especially when it comes to our driving group—a lovely bunch of people and drivers who pitch in, answer emails and phone calls, come to gatherings and don't expect too much from their director. It's not that difficult really.

And then there is Tricia Lynn, who has taken on the Newsletter, SW Region and SE Region. Applause Here!!!!

I've enjoyed my two years as director, and we have accomplished A LOT!! A New website, updated the By-Laws, updated policies, revamped a lot of the website content and documents; produced the Winter Carriage Driving Festival Flyer and combined calendar of events, and on the local front, we had 7 events which included, our local favorite Holiday Drive and the PBCMP/Florida Whips Series at the Jim Brandon Equestrian Center which offered our local SE Region drivers a really great venue to get together and have friendly competition. It has offered our new drivers and green ponies a great place to gain more experience and build confidence.

Some of our judges included Jennifer Benoit, S dressage judge who lives, rides and trains in Wellington, who graciously judged our Drive a Dressage Tests. Bob Giles judged our Pleasure Show and Cones event and gave great instruction in January. Elizabeth Keathley judged our final pleasure and cones show. We had many volunteers who came and helped out with the Gambler's Choice, Obstacle and Cones Day in February to whom we are truly grateful as without you all, these events could not be possible.

We all need to pitch in and help Tricia Lynn with the calendar of events for the 2021/2022 season, so pull up your boots, grab your whip and let's drive!!

Bettina

To All Whips in the Southwest and Southeast Regions.

It is my honor to be chosen to serve as your Regional Director. Please reach out to me and introduce yourself and let me know what activities, events, social gatherings, clinics, or field trips you would like to have during the 2021-22 season. Lets get a bunch of events on this years calendar and fill our year with driving, competing, learning and having fun with our ponies and fellow whips. Many thanks go to Bettina Scherer (member of the year!!) and Anne Raisner for agreeing to help me learn the ropes. I'm grateful for their support. TL



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Left: Deb Bennett and Dawn Sanders Winners at the January Pleasure Event

Above: Michelle Goosetree driving Oden and Sherrill Clark, driving Cricket, the biggest and the smallest at the February Obstacle Event

Below: Paul Reese and Jamison

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Northern Region Report Jan-May 2021

**By: Betsy Skinner,
Director, Northern Region**

In spite of the restrictions due to COVID, Northern region drivers were able to respect health guidelines and continue to enjoy driving at all levels of fun and competition. Some whips in our region have been supporting the Florida Horse Park, Ocala, by competing at STRIDE schooling shows in September, October, January, February, and March. Geir Kanstad, promoter extraordinaire, organized a fun fund-raiser (FHP) derby day at the Florida Horse Park in November.

The Tuesday driving group at Iron Horse Farm in Fort White continued to convene, at distance. The Jowers' again rose to heroic heights, offering their property for two continuous drives in the Fall, and a de-spooking clinic that challenged even the most "sacked-out" equine. We had planned for a McCulley Farm trip just for fun in December, and had to cancel. Many drivers, when not racing down miles of gorgeous trails our area affords, have called out for "just fun stuff" and "just for beginners." Prayers were answered in spades. The Heberts hosted a wonderful beginner day at their farm in west Jacksonville in November. The Van Sickles generously offered their beautiful farm, Tickety-Boo, in Melrose, for a CT and pace drive in November, and surprised us with a good-riddance 2020/ hello 2021 trail drive on December 31st. The "Tandem Club" is going strong at Tickety-Boo Farm. The Jowers' hosted at Iron Horse Farm a derby day and a fun drive, Spring of this year. Can you just see a bunch of seniors shooting squirt guns at paper plates, as intensely competitive as at any major ADS/FEI event? These Saturday events just for fun have flushed out a new batch of drivers in our area, which is exciting. This doesn't begin to cover it, as far as driving opportunities at all levels in north central Florida. I didn't mention continuous drives at Steeple Chase, The Metta Baxter Clinic (so much expertise and hard work go into helping driving prospects get a great grasp of the sport), and the Southern Drive which never disappoints. The Grand Oaks Resort is a Disney World for drivers. If this isn't enough to entice you to "put to" and get to it---our driving community is being offered the opportunity of a life-time to drive at the new, amazing World Equestrian Center in August! Follow our north region activities on FB "North Florida Driving Friends." Forgive me if I left out events that someone, no doubt, worked hard to bring on. Thanks to all our volunteers and drivers for a great season in our northern region. Paul VS posted in FB: "Y'all are the Ambassadors to 'Funship' which is why we drive." I second that!



Nancy Yankus and Debby Courtney



Lynda Jowers with April and Navigator Cindy Lawson

Iron Horse De-Spooking Clinic

By: Tricia Lynn Glotfelty Photos By: Lynda Jowers and Tricia Lynn Glotfelty

The big open field at Iron Horse Farm was filled with more than a dozen scary things that all horses dread; trash cans, sprinklers, blow up Halloween characters and more. Reuben and Lynda Jowers built a wooden bridge for horses and carts/carriages to traverse, they hung umbrellas and pool noodles from the trees, brought in a barking dog (and boy did he bark!). Horses of all sizes were led in-hand, ridden and driven with carts and carriages. They filled the field in an attempt to desensitize the equines to things they might fear. There was a sprinkler by the water hazard, a metal goat silhouette, a tarp to walk over, and the tractor was left in the field with the bucket up (that was a horse eating monster for sure). The blow ups included a life-sized grim reaper on horseback and Mr. Happy, the crazy arm waving noodle looking guy you see advertising on the side of the road who blows in the wind with arms waving madly. Surprisingly the scariest of all the items was the metal goat silhouette. Only one horse was ok with it on the first pass, some were ok upon closer inspection, but some were just not ok with it at all. Lynda explained that to the horses it is a “disappearing Goat”. Its there as you walk up to it but as you pass it, since it is only two dimensional, it appears to the horse to disappear, then reappear. Thank you to Iron Horse Farm and The Jowers’ for such a wonderful event. I do hope they host more of these; its always good to introduce your horse to “scary” objects that may appear on a marathon course, trails or the road.



Nancy Yankus and Debby Courtney



The Grim Reaper gives Painted Forest Lance a Smooch.



Debby Courtney



Clockwise from top left: Debby Courtney hangs out on her recumbent bicycle while Nancy Yankus and her horse check out the pretty flags; Painted Forest Lance enjoys shade under the umbrellas; Painted Forest Lance with Reuben Jowers's Big Red Tractor, Painted Forest Lance tried out Reuben bridge.

Florida Whips Annual Membership Meeting Minutes May 8th, 2021

Approved by Vice President Linda Evans

President Bob Giles called the meeting to order with a Pledge of Allegiance and The Lord's Prayer.

Minutes from past meeting were read and a motion was made to accept the minutes by SuZi. The motion was 2nd by Janet Crumpton. Motion passed.

Election of Officers followed.

Mary Ann McCreadie resigned as secretary due to her husband's health issues. Janet Carswell was nominated to replace her and the membership vote passed.

Chris Carswell stepped down as Junior Director. It was discussed as to whether the position should be kept or omitted. Kami Landy volunteered to accept the Junior Director position. She asked that a committee be formed to assist her. The following volunteered to help with that, Louise Leister, Lynda Jowers, Betsy Skinner, Susan Guinan, Tricia Lynn Glotfelty. And Carol Fitzhugh. It was voted on and passed.

Betsy Skinner is serving as the Northern Region director and has one more year on her term. A nomination was made for Tricia Lynn Glotfelty to serve as Regional Director for both the SE & SW regional director positions with Bettina Scherer serving as alternate for both regions. This motion was voted on and passed. Bettina Scherer suggested reaching out to the members in the Southeast region to ask if they wanted to merge with the Southwest to make on large region. (this was done after the meeting and the SE region decided to stay separate).

Tricia Lynn Glotfelty was introduced as the new Whips newsletter editor.

Veronica Close was introduced as the Webmaster.

The Facebook page and group were discussed and it was decided that the page would be available for anyone to post on but the group would need administrator approval before posting. Bettina Scherer made the motion to accept this and Karen Cherry seconded. It was voted on and passed.

The issue of insuring the board was discussed. It was stated that Bob would get the packet from Equisure and sign the papers. The cost would be between \$500 and \$700. Bettina Scherer motions for it to be approved and Louise Leister seconded. It was voted on and Passed.

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The issue of the scholarship was brought to the floor and Louise Leister made a motion to form a committee for the scholarship issue. It was voted on and passed.

Lynn Parker resigned as Membership Chair and Sandy Herbert was nominated for the position. She accepted the position, a vote was taken and Sandy will be the new Membership Chair.

The advertising budget was discussed and a motion was made by Jim Thomas to approve \$2000 for club advertising. It was 2nd by Lynn Parker, voted on and passed.

The budget for the annual Whips Calendar was discussed. A motion was made to approve \$1350 for the calendar production by Louise Leister and was 2nd by Denise Klinger. It was voted on and passed.

A volunteer program was suggested by Janet Crumpton.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting was made by Lynda Jowers and was 2nd by Janet Carswell.

President Bob Giles adjourned the meeting.

The meeting was followed by the year end awards presented by Denise Klinger.

The Member of the Year Award was given to Bettina Scherer

The volunteer of the year was given to SuZi



From the Secretary's desk

By: Janet Carswell

Camp Black Prong is coming back Oct 14th - 17th, 2021. Mark you calendars and look for more information in next month's newsletter.

Please, if you are planning a driving event for 2021-22, submit the forms by August 1st so I have plenty of time to submit the calendar of events to our insurance company. Even if you don't have an exact date nailed down, submit the event form and we can correct the date later. You can email to 1boy4change@gmail.com or mail the forms to:

Janet Carswell, 12251 SE 58th Lane, Morriston FL, 32668. Thank you

Annual Silent Auction Benefitting the Whips Disabled Drivers Fund

By: Tricia Lynn Glotfelty

At the last Florida Whips Board meeting before the Southern drive there was great concern about having someone to organize the silent auction. With around 30 days left until the event time was of the essence. No one volunteered so I said I



would do it. I have extensive experience in organizing silent auctions as I have run them for several Ducks unlimited regions, the Durango Cowboy gathering, numerous orchestra fundraisers, horse clubs, paleontology groups and more; I enjoy it. There was concern that I could get it going in such a short time. I assured the board it would get done. My concern was making it just as good or better than it has been in the past. I jumped right in and started looking for donations. I called all my friends, sent emails, made Facebook posts and more. I went to feed stores, contacted trainers and artists and anyone I could think of. Donations started to come in.

Some people could not get something together before the auction date, so they committed to donating something for the next auction. So thankfully I am ahead of the game this year. I even have an international artist that is creating a work of art just for us. That is exciting!

I had several people lined up to help me the weekend of the auction but to my surprise I had more show up and pitch in which made the process run very smoothly. To my surprise we had over 100 fantastic items at the auction this year. We had everything from tack, attire, jewelry to trips and lessons with top trainers. I could not be more grateful to everyone who donated.

In discussing the results with the treasurer, I found that in the past it was common for the auction to bring in between around \$700-\$800. The last year was exceptional and brought in around \$1700. I was thrilled to learn that after all was said and done; we had raised close to \$2500. What a huge success. I could not have done it without all the wonderful donors, as well as all the people who helped me organize, tag, monitor and collect money during the auction. Many thanks to Grand Oaks for letting us hold our auction and meeting in their amazing facility.

One person deserves special recognition. During set up I was short so many tables, linens and had a major shortage of certificates, bid sheets and more. Kacy, of Grand Oaks, stepped up and made the whole process

effortless with all her extremely hard work. I cannot thank her enough. I mentioned to the ladies I was staying with at the Southern Drive, that I would like to send a nice thank you to Kacy; she went above and beyond for the auction. The ladies pitched in and I put together a basket with 6 huge Brazilian roses, a bottle of local organic wine from Gimponics, vegetables from Dragonfly Ranch in a handmade basket made from grape vines harvested at my farm. Many thanks to Kacy and all of the staff at Grand Oaks for making our auction the most successful to date. I cant wait to try and top it next year!



Florida Whips Year End Awards

COVID Year wasn't just the strangest year ever, it was also the year the Florida Whips started offering year end awards for both schooling and rated shows! We held our first awards ceremony at the Southern Drive at Grand Oaks in May 2021 as part of the annual meeting. The qualifying shows were a mix of ADS, USEF and FEI (for the rated division) and STRIDE (dressage) and Whips approved events for the schooling division. As soon as the competition calendar is finalized, we will publish the guidelines and qualifying events for next year's season (2021-2022) on the website. Since next year's awards will be based on a weighted point system based on overall placings (not just dressage scores) we hope to be able to update standings throughout the season on the website.

SCHOOLING SHOW AWARDS

Intermediate Horse

Champion – Linda Evans, 70.30%

Preliminary Pony

Champion - Vicky Catlett, 72.11%
Reserve Champion - Thurza Sillman, 70.81%
3rd - Morgan Pevonka, 67.26%
4th - Kathryn Powell, 66.57%
5th - Dona Love, 66.50%
6th - Lynn Parker, 65.84%

Preliminary Horse

Champion - Lynn Schneider, 62.43%

Training Horse

Champion – Louise Lester, 66.50%
Reserve Champion - Cheryl Gonzalez, 59.11%

Training pony

Champion – Yvonne Harris, 63.99%
Reserve Champion - Betsy Skinner, 60.65%
3rd - Judy Tintera, 59.98%

RATED SHOW AWARDS (ADS/USEF/FEI)

Advanced Horse/Pony *(note – penalty score used)*

Champion –Nifty Hamilton, 47.90
Reserve Champion - Tasha Wilkie, 54.98
3rd - Mary Phelps, 64.98

Intermediate Pony

Champion - Boots (Esther) Wright, 66.67%
Reserve Champion - Patty Rozensky, 64.67%
3rd - Denice Klinger, 63.11%
4th - Roberta Greeno, 58.60%

Intermediate Para Driver

Champion - Bob Giles, 66.72%

Intermediate Horse

Champion - Jean Thornton, 51.31%

Preliminary Horse

Champion - Carolyn (Lynn) Sellars, 63.37%
Reserve Champion - Margy Cox, 61.92%
3rd - Kami Landy, 57.69%
4th - Jeffrey Day, 55.85%
5th - Paige Horine, 52.02%

Preliminary Pony

Champion - Beth Rieselman, 67.49%
Reserve Champion - Karen Cherry, 64.74%
3rd - Gail Thomas, 60.68%
4th - Kathleen Carey, 59.31%
5th –Julie Forsyth, 54.69%
6th - Max Meinel, 53.70%

Training Horse

Champion - Kandee Bassett, 64.44%
Reserve Champion - Stephanie Van Den Hurk, 63.25%

Training pony

Champion - Suzanne Smith, 69.86%
Reserve Champion - Karen Cherry, 67.88%
3rd - Carole Grimsley, 65.00%

OVERALL PERFORMANCE AWARDS

(Sneak Peek at the new point system for next year's awards! Please note this is combined across all divisions, next year's awards will be by division)

Competitor	Division	Dressage standing	TOTAL POINTS	Rank	Rank (tie breaker)
Margy Cox	Preliminary Horse	61.92%	53	ch	1
Carolyn (Lynn) Sellars	Preliminary Horse	63.37%	38	res	2
Karen Cherry	Preliminary Pony	64.74%	36	3rd	3
Suzanne Smith	Training pony	69.86%	35	4th	4
Karen Cherry	Training pony	67.88%	32	5th	5
Jeffrey Day	Preliminary Horse	55.85%	29	6th	6
Patty Rozensky	Intermediate Pony	64.67%	25	7th	7
Kathleen Carey	Preliminary Pony	59.31%	25	8th	8
Denice Klinger	Intermediate Pony	63.11%	22	9th	9
Bob Giles	Intermediate Para Driver	66.72%	21	10th	10

SCHOOLING - Scores are based on the average dressage percentage, must show at least two shows. If you qualify at both schooling and rated shows, only the rated division will count towards year end standings. Divisions include singles, pairs/tandems and teams. Pony division includes pony/small pony/VSE.

RATED - Scores are based on the average dressage percentage except where otherwise noted. Competitor must complete at least two CDEs/HDTs to qualify. If you qualify at both schooling and rated shows, only the rated division will count towards year end standings. Divisions include singles, pairs/tandems and teams. Pony division includes pony/small pony/VSE.

Overall Performance – weighted score based on overall placings in qualifying rated shows.

What's up for next year's awards?

2021 was the first year we offered year end awards, so it was a learning curve, and what we learned is that using JUST the dressage score is incredibly difficult, labor intensive, prone to mistakes 😊 and most importantly, not really representative of competitor performance in a three-phase event! Starting with the 2021-2022 Awards we will be using a weighted point system (based on entries) and award points based on your overall results.

And last but not least, a special thanks to all our competitors! Your appreciation and thanks made this the best "job" ever! I look forward to seeing everyone at the 2022 Awards Presentation at our annual meeting/Southern Drive!

Denice Klinger



Above: Judy Tintera, Betsy Skinner, Yvonne Harris, Louise Leister, Lynn Parker and Linda Evans.



Right, Karen Cherry



Left: Geir Kanstad receiving for his wife Roberta Greeno, Nilda Mosco receiving for Jean Thornton, SuZi, and Patti Rozensky

Below Left: SuZi receiving the Volunteer of the year award.

Below Right: Beth Reiselman, Kami Landy, Karen Cherry, Gail Thomas and Max Meinel



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