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Here's Lookin' at You, Kid



Anna Koopman's Lacey, photo by Dan Smith



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Join the discussion on Facebook. Search for 'Florida Whips Carriage Driving' and ask to join the group.

Find us on 

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Need a trainer? Here’s a list of trainers recommended by our Whips membership:

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| Elizabeth Keathley (615) 849-5105 | Jean Thornton (386) 985-2103 |
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We Need To Hear From You!

Do you have an idea for an article, or a topic you've just been dying to learn more about? Send in your ideas, articles and updates (and most of all, pictures!) to newsletter@flawhips.org

The Florida Whips would like to thank the Palm Beach County Mounted Posse for including driving classes at their April 11th show.

Offering Ring Classes and a cones obstacle course from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

(Entry form and more information on p. 16 of this newsletter)

Florida Whips Calendar of Events *(updated as of 2/25/2020)*

| Meeting | Competition | Recreational | | | | Clinics/Lessons |
|---|---|--------------|-----|------|-----|--|
| CALENDAR of EVENTS 2019-2020 <i>(updated all season long, contact the newsletter editor with updates, etc.)</i> | | | | | | |
| Date | Event | FL Whips | ADS | USEF | FEI | Contact |
| 02/29/20 | Inglis Island Trail Drive Inglis Lock Recreational Area, Crystal River, FL | X | | | | Yvonne Harris |
| 03/01/20 | STRIDE Dressage (Driven dressage/cones) at Florida Horse Park, Ocala, FL | | | | | www.STRIDEdressage.org |
| 3/4 to 3/9/20 | Live Oak International at Live Oak Farm, Ocala, FL | | X | X | X | ADS Omnibus |
| 03/11/20 | Continuous Drive @ Steeplechase at Steeplechase | X | | | | Dona Love |
| 03/22/20 | STRIDE Dressage (Driven dressage/cones) at Florida Horse Park, Ocala, FL | | | | | www.STRIDEdressage.org |
| 3/14 to 3/15/20 | Lessons at Caloosa Park at Palm Beach Gardens, FL | X | | | | Deb Bennett |
| 3/20 to 3/23/20 | Windsor Trace CT & CDE at Windsor Trace Greenfields Farm, Windsor, SC | | X | | | ADS Omnibus |
| 3/27 to 3/29/20 | Black Prong HDT - CAC at Black Prong Equestrian Village, Bronson, FL | | X | | | ADS Omnibus |
| 04/04/20 | Iron Horse HDT Iron Horse/Linda Jowers | X | | | | Linda Jowers |
| 4/9 to 04/12/20 | Southern Pines Combined Driving Event Carolina Horse Park | | X | | | ADS Omnibus |
| 04/11/20 | PBCMP Pleasure, Cones and Fun Show Jim Brandon Equestrian Center, West Palm Beach, FL | X | | | | Bettina Scherer |
| 4/18 to 4/19/20 | Lessons at Caloosa Park at Palm Beach Gardens, FL | X | | | | Deb Bennett |
| 04/18/20 | STRIDE Dressage (Driven dressage/cones) at Florida Horse Park, Ocala, FL | | | | | www.STRIDEdressage.org |
| 4/22 to 04/26/20 | Katydid @ Tryon Internationa Equestrian Center TIEC, Tryon, NC | | X | X | | ADS Omnibus |
| 04/25/20 | Lucky V Ranch HDT Lucky V Ranch | X | | | | Paul Van Sickle |
| 5/7 to 5/10/20 | The Southern Drive at Grand Oaks Resort, Lady Lake, FL | X | | | | FL Whips |
| 05/08/20 | Florida Whips Annual Membership Meeting at Grand Oaks Resort, Lady Lake, FL | X | | | | FI Whips |
| 9/26 to 09/27/20 | STRIDE Dressage (Driven dressage/cones) at Florida Horse Park, Ocala, FL | | | | | www.STRIDEdressage.org |
| 10/25/20 | STRIDE Dressage (Driven dressage/cones) at Florida Horse Park, Ocala, FL | | | | | www.STRIDEdressage.org |

PLEASE NOTE: Corrected date for Lucky V Ranch HDT in April and all STRIDE dates now added!

MUSINGS FROM THE (waterlogged) EDITOR

First let me apologize for the delay in the newsletter, I had a bad case of "life" getting in the way... Consider this the Feb/March issue. Normally we take a break June through August, but I'll add a June issue so we can wrap up the season with the Southern Drive and the Whips meeting recap.

I want to say again how much I appreciate the driving community. Yes, we are all human and passionate about our sport and our horses so it's not always puppies and rainbows, but overall, it's a group of people who unhesitatingly support you when things just get overwhelming.

Take for instance, the week before I left for Spring Fling. It was a week I thought I was going to fine tune a dressage test and work on my my nemesis, cones. Then I would drive down to Florida feeling ready for anything. Instead, I got treated to a flash flood that destroyed the arena and dumped I don't know how much debris in the lower field (also, it should be noted that some of my arena footing is in that field as well). Then, not 48 hours later, it was all covered with a blanket of snow (which was gone in 10 hours when the \$*# rain



The artist formerly known as an arena



That black line at the top of the water is the top of 4 board fencing... Also, for comic relief, there's a mounting block bobbing along on the waves



Photo by Pics of You

returned). What Georgia red clay and hills needs after fast moving moisture was slow melting moisture said no horse person ever. The flood did deliver a Sign though... Almost all of my cones remained on the property (barely) however I think most of my jumps are in the Gulf of Mexico by now. The flood gods have spoken, I need to drive not jump!

So... other than the (washed out) road, I didn't have a place to drive. That's a good prep for a big CDE, don't you think?

We managed to do some fitness workouts up and down the road over the week, dodging rain whenever possible but nothing else. I changed my plans to come down to Florida Horse Park on Wednesday so I could actually drive Xander in something other than a straight line for a few days before competing. I planned to drive one last time on Monday morning, then pack up the trailer after I was done, avoiding the upcoming 48 hour deluge scheduled to start Monday afternoon. It should come as a surprise to exactly no one that the heavens unleashed as soon as I got there Monday morning. Cursing any and all weather apps, I scratched driving, but decided I might as well pack the trailer and load up the carriage up.

You know how when you are stressed you do Stupid Things? With credit to Spinal Tap, my stress dial was at 11 by now.



48 hours later! I mean this was bad even for Georgia...

From the Editor, cont.

The last thing I did after packing was panic about another potential flash flood and decided to open the gate that allowed the horses to access higher ground ... just in case. It has never risen high enough to get to their stalls/dry lot, but ...paranoid. Yeah, when I did that, I completely forgot there was *another* gate open. Being the opportunistic creatures we know them to be, they probably waited three whole seconds after I left before making a bee line for the *gulp* deer corn feeder in the woods. I do not know why the property owner checks his game cam midday, but I am grateful he does! We rounded them up before they had been there too long (although plenty long enough) and for their sins, they got tubed with Toxiban (charcoal and kaolin) along with some low dose banamine. I added a 48 hour laminitis watch to my stress meter (up to 12 now, in case you were keeping track). Everyone is fine, other than being highly indignant that they missed a few meals after that.



Feeling just fine!

This is all to say I was a mess by the time I rolled into the Florida Horse Park. To quote the overused phrase, I just couldn't even. But by Thursday, the stress had melted away. Good people who genuinely wish you well (and I'm not going to lie, mostly sunny weather), friends who support you when times are tough and cheer you up when things are bad makes it a great community. And for everyone who was there when I (finally) conquered my nemesis, going double clear on cones, when you let out that huge cheer (maybe it wasn't huge, but it sounded EPIC from my seat) please know you made my day. Possibly my year! You probably didn't know how much that turned around a pretty stressful week, but it was everything to me.

Denice & Xander

501 (c) (3), Donations and the Florida Whips

Last fall the Board of Directors converted our tax status to a 501 (c) (3). This means the Florida Whips are now a tax exempt organization who can accept donations that are also tax deductible to donors on their annual tax returns. We also qualify to receive tax deductible bequests, devices, transfers and gifts. This year we received two donations: Carol Brennan donated a cart and David Wright, sent a cash donation -- thank you for your generous support to the Florida Whips! This will go toward our events and other driving needs throughout the year. So, please spread the word: "The Florida Whips are accepting your generous donations" and "they are tax deductible"! If you or anyone you know would like to make a donation please contact a Board member.

Drive On!

The Florida Whips Board of Directors



Just a reminder! We will once again have our silent auction fundraiser at the Southern Drive, so start thinking about items to donate. More details to come, but if you have something special, please save it for the auction!

2020 Metta Baxter Clinic Report

The annual Metta Baxter Introduction to Driving Class was held January 11-12, 2020 at a new venue this year, the Alachua County Agricultural & Equestrian Center, formerly the Canterbury Equestrian Showplace, in Newberry, Florida. This two day clinic is sponsored by the Florida Whips carriage driving association and conducted by Florida Whips volunteers and their horses.

The 24 students attending this year's class had a full agenda that included both classroom and hands-on work with horses. Saturday's classroom sessions covered safety precautions, driving horse selection, types of carriages and carts, and harness types and composition. In the afternoon the students split into small groups for hands-on rotating sessions on constructing a complete harness from disassembled pieces, rein handling using articulated rein boards to demonstrate how rein action impacts the horse's head, carriage selection with multiple 4 wheeled carriages and 2 wheeled carts of various types and sizes that the students could get into and examine, discussions on carriage maintenance required to keep the carriages safe and functional, a tabletop full of various driving bits to handle with explanations of their use, and the always fun "people driving people" where human students learn what it is like to be a driving horse! Following that, Mr. Avo Kiviranna, a professional driving trainer/instructor working for the winter in the Ocala area (who had previously trained some of Metta Baxter's Morgans), gave a demonstration on "Starting the Driving Horse" and "Least Resistance" horsemanship.

Sunday's sessions resumed in the outside arena with a demonstration of driven dressage, then moved into the covered arena for demos of driving a cones course as in a



Combined Driving Event and fully harnessing and hitching a horse to a carriage. Afterwards, the students worked with instructors to practice harnessing and hitching volunteer horses. We had a selection of full sized horses, miniature horses and ponies for the students. After lunch, students were given the opportunity to ground drive the horses and finished the afternoon driving (with instructors' help) as many of the horses as they wanted. Students earned certificates of completion and hopefully will return next year as volunteers to help the next group of students.

Additionally, Gloria Austin, Florida Whips member, class instructor, and noted author of numerous books on horses and driving, donated six of her books to a Sunday raffle that raised \$160. The money was donated to The Foundation for the Horse (the American Association of Equine Practitioners charitable arm) in memory of Sharon Knecht, a longtime Metta Baxter class/Florida Whips volunteer, who died this past November in a carriage driving accident. Her friendly smile and knowledge was missed by all the volunteers at the class.

Special thanks to all the volunteers who made this class possible: Gloria Austin, Joe Bongiovanni, Maria Church, Michelle Dlugoborski, Celia Evans, Sandy & Howard Hebert, Lynda Jowers, Avo Kiviranna, Cindy Lawson, Ron McAllister, Chuck McGrath, Marriah Alcantara, Lisa Profughi, Beth Rieselmann, Stephanie Van Den Hurk, Carol Wallace, Carlie Wargo, Eve & Matthew Whitaker, and especially to Karen Wolfsheimer who put the whole class together.

And we can't forget our wonderful horse volunteers who made this a most special class! MUSKIE (McGrath), WEASEL and TONKA (Lawson), DELAY (Whitaker), MURPHY and CAPRI (Wolfsheimer), ARTIE and DAWSON (Rieselmann), SYLKE and SILANA (Hebert).



Metta Baxter, Continued

This class is a very rewarding project that is completely handled by our volunteers. We always need instructors and volunteers to help the actual days of the class and would love to have new faces join us! We also really need class organizers—people who are willing to handle advertising, securing a date and venue, recruiting volunteers and speakers, finding good horses, dealing with handouts, etc. to keep this special class going and improving! Please consider becoming a part of this wonderful team. Please contact Karen Wolfsheimer at wacahootakj@gmail.com or 225-767-9615, it's never too early to offer to help for next year's class!



In the classroom



Rein boards in action



ground driving that I might be able to keep up with



Checking out a marathon carriage



Translating the classroom to the real deal!

Member Spotlight: Amateur Photographer Dan Smith

Editor's note: we all love and support our professional photographers (I do my bit to support our show photographers), but we also have a few amateur photographers in our membership, so I'd like to periodically highlight their work, with some focus on driving equines, because... driving and equines is clearly a passion with us but to also revisit what makes Florida such a special place to live (and drive in!) through the perspective of the camera. I hope you enjoy the scenery (also, the cover shot is one of Dan's pictures)

by Dan Smith

My interest in photography started about the same time I retired. A Canon point-and-shoot box was my introduction to digital photography and coincided with my discovery of FaceBook allowing me to connect with old friends. Their feedback was so positive on my photo



The Splash with Bob Giles

composition, technique and impact that I gradually expanded my tool kit for better cameras, lens and printers.

Shepherdstown, WV (our home for 34 years) provided a tremendous variety of subjects (landscapes, architecture, events, people, animals and more) for my growing passion. My pictures were displayed at the town's Visitor Center and some were entered in judged competitions where I earned my first awards. Often my time was spent taking pictures of my wife, Candy, driving



Dusk at Cedar Key



Go GATORS!

(it's possible Dan titled this one a more restrained "gator" but old habits die hard)

Member Spotlight, continued

her ponies so that she could later evaluate progress in her training. My satisfaction was when I would hear the “ooohh” and the printer running as she found a favored picture.

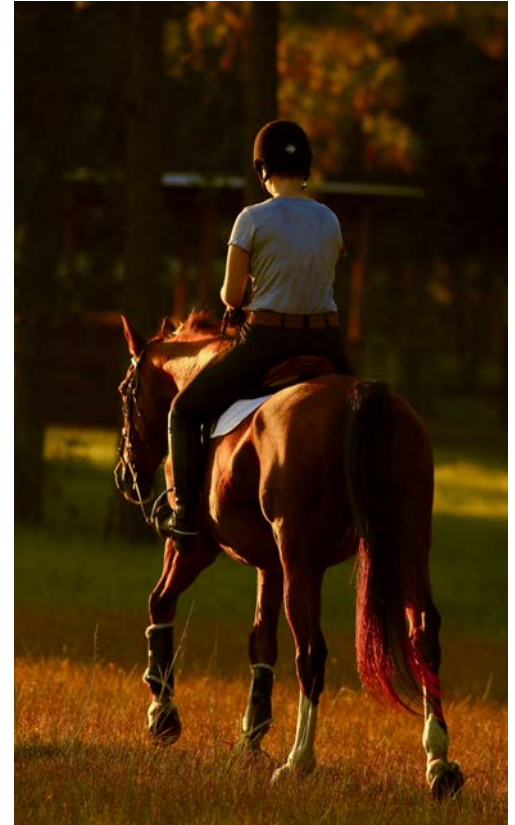
Candy started driving ponies in the late 1990s when health reasons ended her riding days. When she retired in 2014, Candy also began seeking more opportunities for her driving ponies as our small farm had become land locked. A winter stay at Black Prong sparked an interest in the area of Florida near the Goethe Forest. The second winter’s snow bird tour for Candy was even more convincing as the warmer climate was more hospitable than the snowstorms that greeted us back in WV. We talked, and shortly we decided to relocate to Morriston, FL where we became permanent residents in early 2019.

This was an opportune move with respect to my photography. Florida provides a never-ending supply of sunrises, sunsets, landscape, water, wildlife, festivals, people, . . . I am a member of the Ocala Camera Club and actively participate in the monthly meetings, competitions and field trips.

Going to the various nearby competitions (Nature Coast, Grand Oaks, Live Oak, Little Everglades) provided numerous chances for me to see and learn more about the driving horse in action. I started taking more and more pictures, always with the intent to capture the artistic viewpoint with light, color and motion. I have been urged by friends to submit some of my photos for publication in “The Whip” and “Driving Digest”. Others have requested prints be made. For the most part, I share my photography with the world through Instagram and Facebook. Everyone is invited to follow my social media as my camera is always with me.



Crop Field Before a Storm



From Morning Heron to Sunset Rider, I hope you have enjoyed these lovely pictures...

Florida Whips Website - New & Improved (coming to a computer near you soon!)

Thank you to all 67 members who cast their vote in favor of moving forward on designing and installing a new Florida Whips Website. No votes = 0.

Icon Studios will be working on this project and Veronica Close, our webmaster, will assist in the transition. I had the chance to sit down with Veronica to learn a little about the maintenance of our system, and it's not that simple. Kudos to her for learning the process. Special thanks to Jan Petri for all his effort on the prior site.

Denice Klinger, Lynn Parker, Veronica and I will collectively be involved in various parts of the project. It is our hope that Denice will be able to upload the Newsletter directly, Lynn will have an easier time with membership applications, email connection and sorting ability. We also would like the ability to have membership cards printed once you pay your annual membership fee.

In this way, you will have a receipt of payment and can submit a copy of your card with an entry and cut down on extra verification by an organizer. I will be working on

providing current data and photos, organizational documents and so forth. We will also review the way the calendar of events works and possible include links to forms, etc.

This will all take a few months and we will keep you posted on our progress. Also, I am starting to collect photos for our photo gallery and home page.

Please send your high resolution photos to Bettina Scherer (with Photo Credit)

If you have a high quality photo to submit, please send to betscherer@gmail.com. Be sure to include the Photo Credit.

Bettina

Acadia National Park, Bar Harbour, ME

Florida Whips,

Come join us driving Acadia National Park, 12-19 September with Gloria Austin. Check this off your driving bucket list! It promises to be the experience of a lifetime for both driver and equine. Stalls fill up so please make your reservations now! Ask to be stabled near Van Sickle's.

Call: (877) 276-3622

<https://www.nps.gov/acad/index.htm>

According to the National Parks Service, Acadia is the "Crown Jewel of the North Atlantic Coast." Acadia National Park protects the natural beauty of the highest rocky headlands along the Atlantic coastline of the United States, an abundance of habitats, and a rich cultural heritage. At 3.5 million visits a year, it's one of the top 10 most-visited national parks in the United States. Visitors enjoy 27 miles of historic motor roads, 158 miles of hiking trails, and 45 miles of carriage roads.

Drive On,
Paul Van Sickle

From Nature Coast to Grand Oaks

The 2020 competition season kicked off with Nature Coast under Black Prong's new owners. We had to learn some new routes to get to the start, but as always, the event was a lot of fun. It also looks like once all the construction is completed, the facility will be amazing. Also, a big congratulations to the Grand Oaks team, putting together their first FEI event and making it look effortless. (I'm sure it wasn't) All their hard work paid off. Between Nature Coast, Grand Oaks and Spring Fling (sorry, pictures of Spring Fling to be featured in the next issue) there was one common theme: SO MANY ENTRIES!! This is great news for the driving community!



Karen Cherry at Nature Coast



Patti Rozensky at Grand Oaks



Julie Forsyth at Nature Coast



Volunteers working hard at Nature Coast



Notes from the Southeast Region

by Deb Bennett

South Florida drivers had a wonderful weekend of lessons with Elizabeth Keathley over January 18-19 2020 at privately owned Caloosa Park in Palm Beach Gardens. Participants all felt they left their lesson a better driver. We are looking forward to Elizabeth Keathley returning to Caloosa Park for lessons on April 18th and 19th. During her last visit, the Florida Whips gained two new driving members.

While drivers in and near Ocala are close to a variety of driving instructors, lessons for drivers in way south Florida are a little harder to obtain!

It is not often that we manage to get instructors way south, however, Bob Giles, Gary Yeager and Marianna Padgett of Yeager Equine Services, and Elizabeth Keathley have all been kind enough to come down and help us out.

Thanks again to the support of the Florida Whips, we will be having additional lesson events March 15 and April 18,19 2020, way down in South Florida.



Torie Bishop with Girlie getting instruction on whip usage from Elizabeth Keathley



Elizabeth Keathley explaining some finer points to Kathleen Alston with Traveller.

JUST A REMINDER - if you have a write up and/or pictures of a Whips event, please send them to me at newsletter@flawhips.org

Also, I'm always on the lookout for pics from competitions! Any good shots from Spring Fling? Are you competing or spectating at Live Oak? Don't forget about the newsletter!

LUCKY V RANCH HDT

25 April 2020

Location of Event: Lucky V Ranch, 4159 Saddle Club Dr., New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168

Date: 4/25/2020

Open date: 3/1/2020

Closing Date: 4/20/2020 (Only accepting 10 entries)

Recognized by: Florida Whips, Inc

Organizer: Paul Van Sickle • luckyvranch@yahoo.com • 386-847-4642 •

Mail Entries To: Lucky V Ranch 4159 Saddle Club Dr., New Smyrna Beach FL 32168

Classes: VSE, Pony, Horse

Turnout: Single, Pairs, Tandem/Multiples

Dressage: You Decide

Cones: Standard Setting Training, Preliminary, Intermediate

Marathon: Approximately 4K, 5 obstacles and water.

Dressage Judge: Esther "Boots" Wright

Cones Judge: Bob Giles

Entry Fee: \$20

Paddock or Stabling: No Charge - please clean stall.

RV Electric Hookup: \$20

Lodging: \$50

Non-Whips fee: \$15

Checks Payable to: Florida Whips

Mail Entry To: Organizer

Arena/Warm Up Footing: Grass

Additional Considerations: Ribbons 1st through 6th, overall Champion & Reserve Champion.

Morning: Dressage and Cones. Afternoon: Marathon. Lunch provided in the Lucky V Saloon.

Dressage Info - Bell. Cones - Whistle. Please send Cogging with in a year and proof of Flu vaccine with entry. Five new stalls, paddocks, new obstacles, 3 RV hookups, one apartment available. Start time: 9:00 sharp.

All proceeds go to the Florida Whips, Inc

Lucky V Ranch HDT Entry Form

Open 1 March 2020, Close 20 April 2020 (only accepting 10 entries)

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Division:

Level:

Equine(s):

Wheel Measurement:

Entry Fee (\$20 payable to The Florida Whips):

Additional Fees:

Other needs (stall, paddock...):

Dressage test desired:

Please attach Coggins & Vaccinations and mail to:

Paul Van Sickle

4159 Saddle Club Dr.

New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168

Questions? Call Paul: 386-847-4642

PALM BEACH COUNTY MOUNTED POSSE
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February 20, 2020

Dear Florida Whips:

The Palm Beach County Mounted Posse has been in existence since 1955, and has had the distinct pleasure of hosting thousands of equestrian events during that time. During the last 14 years, PBCMP has been running its events at the Jim Brandon Equestrian Center, which is located in West Palm Beach. This facility is a 111 acre park that includes trails, 128 permanent stalls, ample trailer parking, covered arena and 5 outside rings.

We currently offer Hunter/Jumper, Dressage, Western & English Pleasure and Barrel Shows, and at this time, we wish to invite carriage driving to the mix. Having volunteered at a few of the SE Region's HDT's and Pleasure Shows as the announcer, and working with Bettina Scherer in the past, we are collaborating on putting on our first **Pleasure, Cones and Fun Show on April 11, 2020.**

It is my goal to be able to offer the driving community a few annual schooling events, which can include pleasure, cones, dressage and even versatility. As with our other disciplines, we offer year end awards and a banquet. This may be something our local area drivers may enjoy.

Look forward to working with the Florida Whips going forward.

Sincerely,

Alyce Michelbrink

Alyce Michelbrink
PBCMP President

**PALM BEACH COUNTY MOUNTED POSSE
PLEASURE, CONES AND FUN SHOW**

**JIM BRANDON EQUESTRIAN CENTER
SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2020 8AM – 2PM**

TENTATIVE CLASS SCHEDULE:

8:00 – Cones Walk
9:00 – Class 1 - Junior and beginner cones - Ponies
9:15 – Class 2 - Junior and beginner cones – Horses
9:30 – Class 3 - Open cones – Ponies
9:45 – Class 4 - Open cones – Horses
10:00 Clear Cones

Water and Drag Ring

10:30 – Class 5 - Junior and beginner Pleasure Pony
10:45 – Class 6 - Junior and beginner Reinsmanship Pony
11:00 – Class 7 - Junior and beginner Pleasure Horse
11:15 – Class 8 - Junior and beginner Reinsmanship Horse

11:30 – Class 9 - Open Pleasure Pony
11:45 – Class 10 - Open Reinsmanship Pony
12:00 – Class 11 – Open Pleasure Horse
12:15 – Class 12 – Open Reinsmanship Horse

Times may change due to number of participants. Classes may be divided/combined depending on entries. Additional info to be provided to those who submit entries prior to closing on April 8th. Entry Form available by email, in the Feb/Mar and April newsletters or contact betscherer@gmail.com

Pleasure classes judged 50% on driver/50% on equine. Reinsmanship classes judged 80% on driver and 20% on equine.

Ribbons 1st -6th awarded for each class.

Attire for the day – Helmets, gloves and whips required; Neat and Tidy. No Aprons required for juniors.

Show Committee –PBCMP's Alyce Michelbrink. Florida Whips Members Peg Belvin, Barbara Young, Sali Petri and Bettina Scherer to do the judging and cones setting.

Volunteers needed -please contact betscherer@gmail.com

A PBCMP non-member fee will be required to participate.

Lunch Wagon will be on premises.

PALM BEACH COUNTY MOUNTED POSSE PLEASURE CONES AND FUN SHOW

BACK NO: _____ One Horse/Rider combination per entry form.

APRIL 11, 2020 8am-2pm

OWNER/DRIVER NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL: _____ NAVIGATOR: _____

HORSE/PONY NAME(S) _____ BREED: _____

CARRIAGE TYPE: _____ MODEL: _____ YEAR: _____

WARNING and RELEASE: Under Florida Law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for any injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risk of equine activities. Pursuant to Florida's Equine Liability Law TITLE XLV, Chapter 773, I/We agree to assume all responsibilities and risks in connection with riding or driving a horse or pony on the Premises and that I/We acknowledge that same is inherently dangerous to rider or driver. I/we hold PALM BEACH COUNTY, ("County"), Palm Beach County Mounted Posse and the Florida Whips, Inc., and any employee, member, officer, director or volunteer of County or the Florida Whips harmless and free from all damages or liabilities for any injury to person or property as a result of the driving, riding or handling of my horse/pony while in use of the Premises.

I have read and acknowledge the above. Signed: _____ Dated: _____ 2020

*Parent to sign for drivers under the age of 18: _____ Dated: _____ 2020

Navigator to Sign: _____ Dated: _____ 2020

Circle Classes to be Entered: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

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| Class Fee \$10 each juniors (under 18): | \$10.00 x _____ classes | \$ _____ |
| Class Fee \$15 adults/open | \$15.00 X _____ classes | \$ _____ |
| Late Fee after April 8th | \$20.00 | \$ _____ |
| PBCMP Non-Member Fee - Juniors* | \$ 5.00 | \$ _____ |
| PBCMP Non-Member Fee – Adults * | \$15.00 | \$ _____ |
| An Annual Memberships to PBCMP can be purchased either at the show or on-line for \$30. | | |
| TOTAL ENCLOSED: | | \$ _____ |

Carriage Wheel Width in centimeters - _____

Make Checks Payable to PBCMP and send to:
 Bettina Scherer
 4656 South shore Blvd., Wellington, FL 33414

PLEASE INCLUDE A COPY OF COGGINS
 WITH YOUR ENTRY

JIM BRANDON EQUESTRIAN CTR. - 7500 Forest Hill Blvd, West Palm Beach, Florida 33413

General Driving Guidelines - Classes in will follow the spirit of the ADS rules. Leaving horses unattended while put-to a vehicle, or removing bridle, or detaching the reins from bridle before unhitching is prohibited. Failure to comply will result in instant elimination without refund. Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a competent adult at all times and wear a helmet. It is the competitor's responsibility that all animals are serviceably sound and that harness is in good repair and the vehicle in sound condition. Any questions or disputes will be addressed by the Judge. The Judges decision is final. Any reckless driving that endangers oneself or fellow competitors will result in elimination. Overuse of the whip will be penalized.