

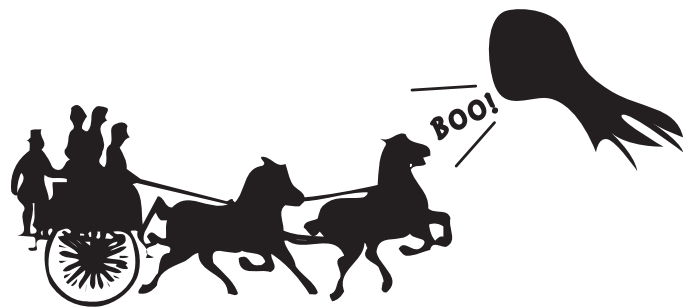
View From Behind The Dash



Newsletter of the Florida Whips Driving Club

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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.

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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:

Well, I tried very hard to get a couple of members to send me photos of the actual “view from behind the dash” (in other words, horses in harness taken from the carriage) – and none came, so you get a photo of the newsletter editor and Bud Lite taken long ago at a CDE far, far away...

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Bob *President's Message*

There's snow on top of Mt. Washington, they are fitting snowplows to the front of the pickup, filling gas tanks of snow mobiles, and fitting tire chains on 4-wheelers. Piles of logs are being cut up, split and stacked. Corn is ready to be harvested and turned into silage with the hay already in the barns. Time to dig potatoes as the blueberry crop is in the freezers. Horse loggers are checking their sleds and chains and swamping our roads for winter's work of getting firewood and logs for the upcoming year. The pleasure equine owners are checking with their farriers to make sure they have snow pads to go under horseshoes to stop snow buildup under the hooves. This is the time of year they scamper to the sawmills to fill their sawdust bins. Couple this with the fact it's in the 30s in the morning – it is time to head to Florida!



Foto: Marie de Ronde-Oudemans

I do want you to know, my membership, that every time I sat down to a lobster dinner, I wished you were all here with me to enjoy it!

It looks like our winter driving schedule is chocked full of activities to please every different discipline available. My favorite shows are the ones with hands on for beginner drivers – Camp Black Prong and The Metta Baxter Clinic are the trend setters, but I will be there to assist any regional training weekends or shows.

We are blessed to have the community support being shown to Camp Black Prong for their raffle prize list. Along with this goes the support of local world class clinicians to add validity and valuable information for our driving skills. This goes hand in hand with the image the public has of us as good stewards of kindness to our animals and trustworthiness. To ensure this overview, we must do a better job of vetting new directors, as they are the backbone of our club.

I will try to be at as many shows as possible to assist, judge, or give instruction. Remember it is “your” Florida Whips club and your President and Board of Directors are standing ready to help you and promote carriage driving.

See you soon and until then – stay safe, have fun, don't drive faster than your guardian angel can fly, and keep your traces tight!

-Bob

Notes from the Linda Vice President

I hope everyone had a good summer. The summer heat and humidity is slowing giving way to cooler mornings and is inspiring us to get back to driving our horses and ponies.

This year promises to be a very busy driving season. I encourage you to participate in all of our upcoming events either as a competitor or a volunteer.

Janet Carswell and I have been very busy planning for Camp Black Prong. Our goal was to make this the best Camp ever! Black Prong Equestrian Village has been undergoing a beautiful transformation making it one of the premier horse destinations in Florida. We have put together a great list of clinicians for Campers for group and private lessons. All the food is being prepared by Black Prong's chef and is sure to be a crowd pleaser. Chester Weber is doing a demo with his 4-in-hand and Paul Maye, who just competed in the World Pairs Championships in Germany, will be our guest speaker for dinner one evening. If you have been considering coming we still have a few spots left.

I would like to remind you all to let me know if you or one of our members is ill or has lost a loved one so I can send a card and/or flowers. We care about our members and want them to know they are in our thoughts and prayers during these difficult times. I look forward to seeing everyone this season!

-Linda Evans

**Vicky Catlett drives Beauty
through the cones.
Photo: Dan Smith Photography**



Snippets from the Janet Secretary

It has been a very busy summer getting the Florida Whips secretary's books and insurance caught up and organized. With that all behind me, I am happy to report that going into the winter driving season our club is completely covered for all driving events in all the regions. With this being said, if you want to add an additional event, please contact me after you have approval from your regional director, and I will help you get the insurance coverage taken care of. You can write me at 1boy4change@gmail.com.

I have been helping Linda Evans with Camp Black Prong. It looks like camp is going to be a great time for both drivers and auditors! Many new and exciting opportunities and classes are being offered this year. Looking forward to seeing everyone at camp!

If you need anything, please do not hesitate to reach out to me, I am here to help. Drive on!

-Janet

Treasurer's Report **Beth**

The Florida Whips Profit & Loss Budget Overview January through December 2020

	Jan - Dec 20
Income	
STATE INCOME	
Statewide Events	422.66
Membership dues	7,656.48
Donations/Grants	892.00
Auction/Raffle Revenue	1,857.00
Advertising/Promotional Revenue	150.00
Interest Income	0.53
Total STATE INCOME	10,978.67
REGIONAL INCOME	
Northern Region Income	3,011.00
Southeast Region Income	3,055.00
Total REGIONAL INCOME	6,066.00
Total Income	17,044.67
Expense	
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	
Accounting Fees	500.00
Advertising	935.00
Annual Report	122.50
Awards	204.59
Dues and Subscriptions	60.00
Event or Clinic Expense	620.00
Hospitality	173.96
Insurance	2,308.35
Membership expense	1,185.32
Website	2,653.35
Other Postage	87.18
Promotion	616.65
1120 taxes	359.00
Supplies	372.47
Total GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	10,198.37
REGIONAL EXPENSES	
NR Expense	1,508.95
SE Expense	2,001.93
Total REGIONAL EXPENSES	3,510.88
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Total Expense	13,709.25
Net Income	3,335.42

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**Cheryl Gonzalez, driver, owner of Morgan,
TRSW Great Expectations, aka "Henry"**

Photo was taken by our friend Cherie Cunningham.

**We are Reserve Champions in the
Training division of year end awards.**

**I was so surprised, didn't know
about the year end awards!**

Thank you!



Membership Director's Message **Sandy**

On the next page you will find the updated Florida Carriage Driving Festival Flyer! I am excited to announce there are 48 driving events on this season's Florida calendar!

With all these events there is a plethora of opportunities to get involved either as a competitor, spectator or as a critically important volunteer.

Remember - Florida Whips Members are eligible for **Year End High Point Awards!** There is also a **Membership Recognition Program** for members

who prefer not to compete! Details can be found on the Florida Whips website <https://flawhips.com> under OUR CLUB.

So if you have not renewed your Florida Whips Membership for the 2021-2022 season (which began September 1st, 2021) please take a moment and do it TODAY!

- Sandy Hebert

It's dues renewal time!

**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**

Florida Carriage Driving Festival 2021/2022

FW Olaf Clinic	Iron Horse Farm..... Fort White, FL	September 11 th , 2021
Hazards Training Fundraiser	Florida Horse Park.....Ocala, FL	September 15 th , 2021
STRIDE Dressage Show	Florida Horse Park.....Ocala, FL	September 19th, 2021
FW Iron Horse Continuous Drive	Iron Horse Farm..... Fort White, FL	September 25 th , 2021
FW Trail Drive and Ring Work	Good Earth Farm.. Loxahatchee, FL	October 9 th , 2021
FW Camp Black Prong	Black Prong Eq Village, Bronson, FL	October 14 th - 17 th , 2021
Hazards Training Fundraiser	Florida Horse Park.....Ocala, FL	October 20 th , 2021
STRIDE Dressage Show	Florida Horse Park.....Ocala, FL	October 24th, 2021
FW Cones Practice	Vinceramos..... Loxahatchee, FL	October 24 th , 2021
Ocala International Show	World Equestrian Center, Ocala, FL	October 26 th -30 th , 2021
FW Learn the ABCs HDT	Tickety Boo Farm..... Melrose, FL	November 6 th , 2021
ADS Tickety Boo CDE	Tickety Boo Farm..... Melrose, FL	November 13 th , 2021
ADS Black Prong CT 1 & Derby	Black Prong Eq Village, Bronson, FL	November 17-18, 2021
FW Iron Horse Farm Derby	Iron Horse Farm..... Fort White, FL	November 20 th , 2021
Hazards Training Fundraiser	Florida Horse Park.....Ocala, FL	November 24 th , 2021
ADS Grand Oaks HDT	Grand Oaks Resort.... Weirsdale, FL	December 4 th -5 th 2021
ADS Black Prong CT 2 & Derby 2	Black Prong Eq Village, Bronson, FL	December 8 th -9 th 2021
FW Lessons w/Elizabeth Keathley	Caloosa Eq Park, W Palm Beach, FL	December 11-12, 2021
Hazards Training Fundraiser	Florida Horse Park.....Ocala, FL	December 27 th , 2021
ADS Black Prong CT 3 & Derby 3	Black Prong Eq Village, Bronson, FL	December 29-30, 2021
FW New Year's Eve Drive	Tickety Boo Farm..... Melrose, FL	December 31 st , 2021
FW Holiday Fun Drive	Flying Cow Park..... Wellington, FL	January 2 nd , 2022
STRIDE Year End Banquet	Florida Horse Park.....Ocala, FL	January 8th, 2022
Hazards Training Fundraiser	Florida Horse Park.....Ocala, FL	January 11 th , 2022
ADS Nature Coast CDE	Black Prong Eq Village, Bronson, FL	January 14 th -16 th , 2022
FW Clinic Sara Schmitt	Good Earth Farm.. Loxahatchee, FL	January 15 th -16 th , 2022
STRIDE Dressage Show	Florida Horse Park.....Ocala, FL	January 23rd, 2022
Hazards Training Fundraiser	Florida Horse Park.....Ocala, FL	January 24 th , 2022
USEF Grand Oaks CDE	Grand Oaks Resort.... Weirsdale, FL	January 27-30, 2022
Grand Oaks Classic	Grand Oaks Resort.... Weirsdale, FL	February 4-6, 2022
FW McCulley's Camp & Fun Drive	McCulley FarmsJasper, FL	February 5-6, 2022
ADS Black Prong Dressage Festival	Black Prong Eq Village, Bronson, FL	February 11-13, 2022
Movement is Medicine Vet Talk	TBD.....West Palm Beach, FL	February 12, 2022
FW Steeplechase Continuous Dr	Steeplechase.....Bronson, FL	February 16 th , 2022
USEF Spring Fling CDE	Florida Horse Park.....Ocala, FL	February 17-20, 2022
ADS Black Prong Driving Derby 4	Black Prong Eq Village, Bronson, FL	February 23 rd , 2022
STRIDE Dressage Show	Florida Horse Park.....Ocala, FL	February 27th, 2022
Hazards Training Fundraiser	Florida Horse Park.....Ocala, FL	February 28 th , 2022
USEF Live Oak International CDE	Live Oak Stud.....Ocala, FL	March 3rd - 6th, 2022
ADS Black Prong Driving Derby 5	Black Prong Eq Village, Bronson, FL	March 9 th , 2022
FW Lessons at Caloosa	Caloosa Eq Park, W Palm Beach, FL	March 12 th -13 th , 2022
ADS Black Prong CDE & CT	Black Prong Eq Village, Bronson, FL	March 18 th -19 th , 2022
FW Steeplechase Continuous Dr	Steeplechase.....Bronson, FL	March 23 rd , 2022
STRIDE Dressage Show	Florida Horse Park.....Ocala, FL	March 27th, 2022
ADS Black Prong Derby Finals	Black Prong Eq Village, Bronson, FL	March 30 th , 2022
FW Dressage & Cones Fun Show	Jim Brandon Eq Ctr, W Palm Beach	April 9 th , 2022
Metta Baxter Clinic Learn-2-Drive	Black Prong Eq Village, Bronson, FL	April 9 th -10 th , 2022
FW The Southern Drive	Grand Oaks Resort.... Weirsdale, FL	May 5 th - 8 th , 2022

Something For Everyone !!

We would like to extend a Special Thank You to the following venues for their continued support:

Black Prong Equestrian Village
The Florida Horse Park
The Grand Oaks Resort
Iron Horse Farm
Tickety Boo Farm

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Are Eligible for End of Year
High Point Awards!
Join Today !!

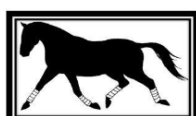


The American Driving Society, Inc.

Thank You ADS for use of Dressage Tests!!

<https://americandrivingsociety.org>

STRIDE Dressage



<https://stridedressage.org>



The Florida Whips

<https://flawhps.org>



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2021

CAMP BLACK PRONG
was a roaring success!

The November issue of the newsletter will feature reports and photos of Camp.

*Send in your
photos & memories
of camp!*

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Membership Spotlight

The Florida Whips Member Recognition Program

Did you know.....The Florida Whips has a Member Recognition Program?!!

The intent of the program is to encourage members to explore everything the Florida Whips has to offer by recognizing participation in a wide variety of club activities – either as an event participant OR as a volunteer.

Members have the opportunity to earn recognition pins in 4 unique categories:

- The Navigator – Supporting the Florida Whips Organization (Volunteer Activities)
- The Whip – Building the Skills of the Horse and Driver
- The Wheeler – Event Participation
- The Leader – Promoting the Florida Whips

There are even special recognition awards for all of you over-achievers!!

- The Single – Completes category requirements for both the Whip and the Wheeler
- The Pair – Completes category requirements for the Navigator, Whip, and 2 Wheelers
- The Tandem – Completes category requirements for the Navigator, Whip, Wheeler, and Leader
- The Coach – Completes category requirements for: 2 Navigators, 1 Whip, 2 Wheelers, and 2 Leaders

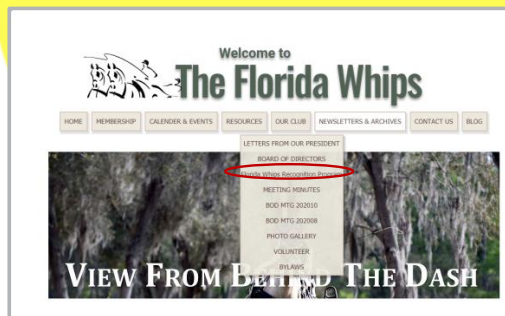
RULES: There are only 3 Rules BUT they will be strictly enforced.

1. Participants must be a Florida Whips member in good standing on the date of the referenced event.
2. All eligible activities must occur between September 1st, 2021 and April 30th, 2022.
3. **Participants must complete and submit the Member Recognition Form (along with documentation) within 30 Days of the completed event.**

The form may be sent via Email to sandyacresranch@gmail.com OR via US Mail to: Sandy Hebert 306 Branding Iron Road, Jacksonville, FL 32234

All awards will be presented at the Southern Drive – which occurs in May. If you are unable to attend – awards will be mailed to you.

Interested?? Find all program documents including the Member Recognition Form on the Florida Whips Website: <https://flawhips.org> under OUR CLUB / Florida Whips Recognition Program.



The Florida Whips Annual Recognition Program	
	The Navigator – Supporting the Florida Whips Organization <small>Complete 3 of the following 4 requirements:</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in leadership development at a designated driving clinic Complete CAA Driver Training Program (Level 1, 2, or 3) Complete FEI Campus Training Modules (Level 1, 2, or 3) Complete CAA Driver Refresher Program (Level 1, 2, or 3)
	The Whip – Building the Skills of the Horse and Driver <small>Complete 3 of the following 4 requirements:</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend 3 clinics in person with CAA or Partner with a Member of the Florida Whips Attend 3 clinics via Zoom or Webcast Complete CAA Driver Refresher Program (Level 1, 2, or 3) Complete FEI Campus Training Modules (Level 1, 2, or 3)
	The Wheeler – Event Participation <small>Complete 3 of the following 4 requirements:</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend 3 events in person or via Zoom or Webcast Attend 3 events via Zoom or Webcast Attend 3 events via Zoom or Webcast Attend 3 events via Zoom or Webcast
	The Leader – Promoting the Florida Whips <small>Complete 3 of the following 4 requirements:</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend 3 events in person or via Zoom or Webcast Attend 3 events via Zoom or Webcast Attend 3 events via Zoom or Webcast Attend 3 events via Zoom or Webcast
	Singles – 1 Whip & 1 Wheeler
	Pair – 1 Navigator, 1 Whip, & 2 Wheelers
	Tandem – 1 Navigator, 1 Whip, 1 Wheeler, & 1 Leader
	Coach – 2 Navigators, 1 Whip, 2 Wheelers, & 2 Leaders

The Florida Whips Member Recognition Program	
Event Recognition Form	
Please email the following information to recognition@flawhips.org	
Name of Participant	_____
Event	_____
Date(s) of Participation	_____
If Volunteering: Role and Duration of service	_____
Please provide a signature or Email from Volunteer Coordinator validating service.	
Member Referral: Name of New Member	_____
Certificate, email, or screenshot showing the completion of CAA Driver Proficiency Program (Level 1, 2, or 3) or FEI Campus Training Modules.	

If you have any questions regarding the above – please contact Sandy Hebert at sandyacresranch@gmail.com

Meet Your New Newsletter Editor

Hello Whips Friends!

I'm a life-long horseperson, cattle rancher, mom, grandma, retired college professor, semi-retired freelance graphic designer, and recent transplant to Florida (more on that later).

I've been driving for about 25 years, and we have everything from VSEs up to draft horses. Many of you might remember my "main guy" Bud Lite (Clydesdale x Hackney Pony) whom I competed here in Florida a few years ago, but lost to leukemia last year. I just recently found my next project: a 2-year-old Hackney Pony cross I call Willy Wonka. Look for us at activities this year, as Willy learns how to be a good citizen out in public *before* he actually gets hooked next year.

My mom got me started in driving. (Actually she got me started in horses, though the rest of the family always called it the "birth defect.") She was really good at dragging me into her exploits. My discipline before driving was cutting horses, and trust me – everything is different but the fly spray! I have achieved an ADS Silver Medal in Dressage and a year-end Silver Buckle in cutting – pretty bizarre. (Guess which achievement was when I was young and, well, thin...)

I'm a firm believer and supporter of ADS.

My childhood sweetheart Norman (first boy that ever kissed me!) and I are currently fleeing our homeland (California) and relocating several equines, a small herd of beef cattle, cowedogs, worthless dogs, and 37 years' worth of equipment and "stuff" to our new place behind the Steeplechase neighborhood in Morriston. Two of our sons will be following sometime soon. In case anyone is wondering – yes, the project is overwhelming! The move is actually taking a year and a half to accomplish.

Anyway, I'm happy to help and volunteer while we get this transcontinental project over with. I'll see you at the events!

Newsletter Editor

Real Cowboy



Tandem Times at Tickety Boo

I have been an equine photographer for a number of years. Although mostly retired from show ring photography, I still dabble. You have my permission to publish what I send for Whips website or newsletter.

- Bobbie Whitman

(Editor's note: Believe it or not, photos are owned by the photographer who took them. To use photos in any sort of publication (print or online) it is legally and ethically correct to get permission from the photographer – unfortunately in the horse world this is often ignored. We'll only use photos with permission, and always give credit to the photographer.)



Did You Know?

A driver with light horses or ponies is using “reins” – but if that driver is using draft horses, that same piece of equipment is “lines.”

Rollingwoods Baynot owned by my trainer Elizabeth Keathley

Southern Drive Derby

*Driver Kathleen Carey
Husband Gerry Plock navigating for the 1st time*

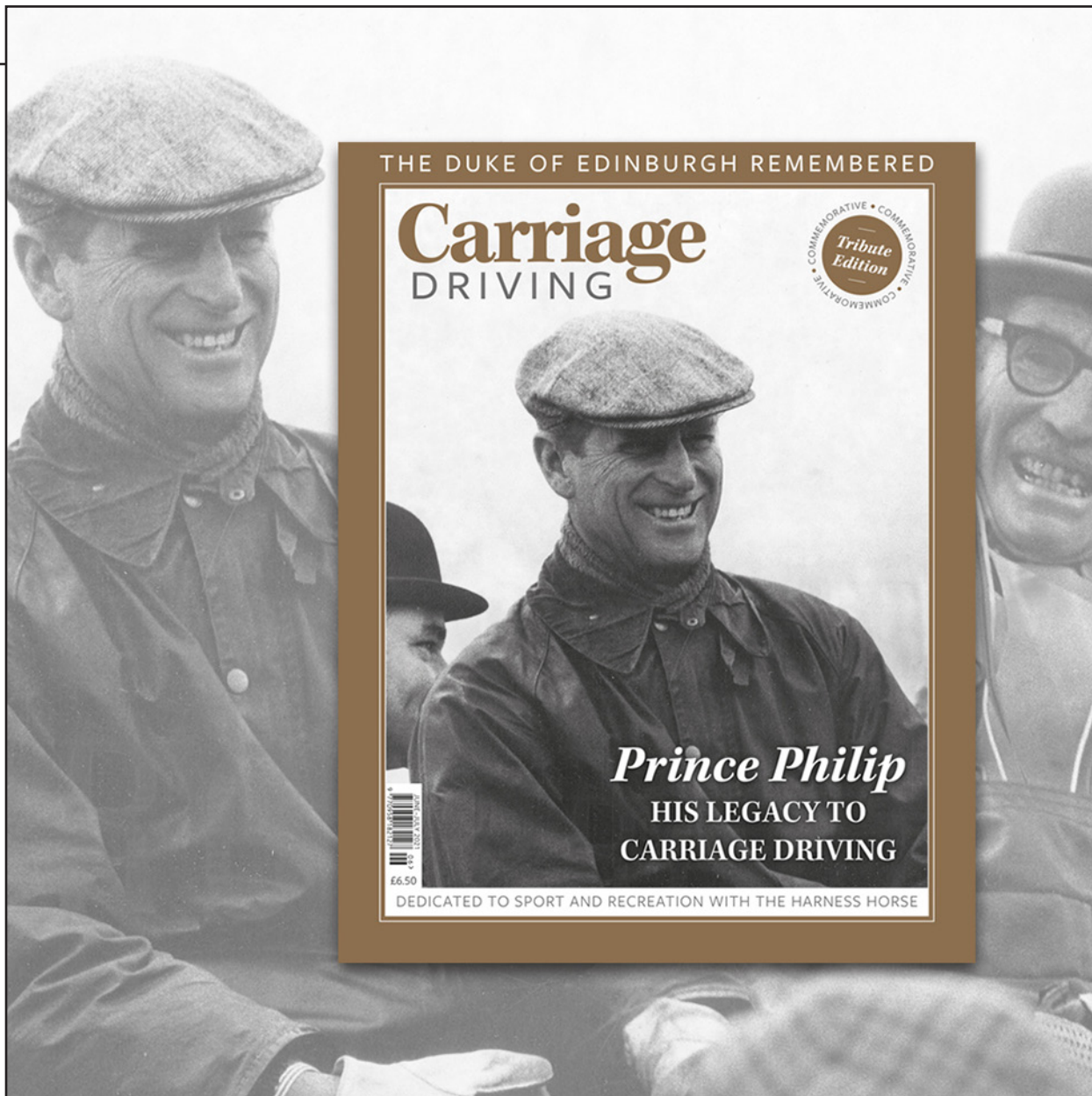
Photo by Jim Thomas

Grand Oaks CDE, December 2020

*Driver Kathleen Carey
Joanna Wilburn navigating*

Photo by Gerald Plock





Dear carriage driving club members,

I am writing from Carriage Driving magazine – a UK based publication dedicated entirely to sport and recreation with the harness horse.

I wanted to let you know about our new special collector's edition of *Carriage Driving*, where we celebrate and reflect on the life of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

In words and stunning images, over more than 45 pages, we share stories and tributes from those who worked for him, competed against him and met him through a shared love of equestrianism.

The carriage driving world was fortunate to consider Prince Philip one of their own and in this tribute issue we discover more about his sense of fun, wit,

wisdom and kindness and the legacy he has left for future drivers. His influence in carriage driving was felt across the world, and this commemorative edition is truly an international celebration.

The issue is available to ship internationally and can be ordered here:

https://www.magsubscriptions.com/carriage-driving-duke-of-edinburgh-commemorative-issue?utm_source=CDR&utm_medium=contacts&utm_campaign=DOE

Many thanks and kind regards,

Emma
Carriage Driving