

Striving Toward Riding Improvement and Dressage Education

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The Ocala, Florida,
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2012 CLUB EVENTS

NEXT MEETING: NOT on April 17 at Ruby Tuesday. Instead, it will be on Saturday, April 7, 2012, at 12:00pm. Bring a dish to share, Rebel Ridge Farm, 1001 NE 105TH Lane, Anthony.

Apr 7: STRIDE Clinic, Rebel Ridge, 8:30am. Dr. Carla Pasteur, DVM conducts hands-on session on how to take (and know) your horse's vital signs. Bring your horse or come audit. STRIDE'S April meeting will take place at this time.

May 6: STRIDE Schooling Show, Fla Horse Park.
Registration closing date: April 23, 2012.

May 15: STRIDE Meeting, 7 pm, Topic is "Rider Biomechanics", at the College of Central Florida, building 11 (Equine Studies). Enter the campus from SR200 at the traffic light by the Paddock Mall. Turn left at the T intersection and proceed to the stop sign next to Criminal Justice. Turn right and take another right turn into the parking lot. Building 11 is the gray house-like building across the parking lot. You can find a campus map at www.cf.edu.

May 21: STRIDE Board of Directors Meeting, 6pm.

TBD Jun: To be determined

TBD Jul: To be determined

Aug 18 (Sat): Membership Meeting and Pool Party

Sept 18: STRIDE Meeting, Ruby Tuesday.

Sept 30: STRIDE Schooling Show, Fla Horse Park.

Oct 16: STRIDE Meeting, Ruby Tuesday.

Oct 28: STRIDE Schooling Show, Fla Horse Park.

Nov TBD: (Sat-Sun) STRIDE Riding Camp

Dec TBD: Annual Banquet & Year End Awards

Note: Some dates/events are tentative (but not the shows).

STRIDE BUSINESS NOTES

By Hellena Smejda

- The first 2 of our 5 shows were successful and we look forward to 3 more. I've started planning my costume for the October show. Have you?
- We're looking for a volunteer to coordinate and organize our late-Fall, 2-day riding clinic. If you've never done it before, that's OK -- we'll hold your hand throughout the process! It's a good way to get involved without an ongoing commitment. Contact me if you're interested. We also need volunteers for our December annual banquet and awards event.
- In the interest of transparency, we've added a "STRIDE Business" section on the website. Go to "Everything Else" and click on "STRIDE Business" <http://www.stridedressage.org/stride_business.htm>. You'll find minutes, Bylaws, and other club business as it develops.
- Next Board meeting is May 21, 6 pm. Any member may attend or suggest topics, but not vote. Let me know if you are interested. Location: Barbara Brown's house in Silver Springs.
- If you've attended 5 STRIDE meetings, you've earned one STRIDE voucher (worth \$20 towards any STRIDE event, including show fees). Contact Margaret our Secretary. Volunteers also earn vouchers: contact Irene our VP.
- Know anyone new to Ocala? Invite them to our meetings and shows.
- In addition to ridden and driven Dressage, our shows offer versatility classes, trails, Western Dressage and even Eventing Dressage test of choice. Let your Western and Eventing friends know.
- Our Treasurer, Carola, is a whiz at Excel and she's investigating how we can keep a running score for competitors as to their year end award standings. More on this next month.

DID YOU KNOW?

Our esteemed Vice President and Volunteer Coordinator, Irene Gentile, hails from New York, and is also a PATH certified instructor with the Marion Therapeutic Riders Association (MTRA). Irene is active in showing miniature horses in driving, and is consistently in the ribbons at STRIDE shows with Rosebud, her mini-mare.

You may know Irene's name, or, you may know her as "Pinky". As the moniker implies, Irene's favorite colors are pink and red. She loves to dress in costume for holidays, and is the blast of fresh air that whizzes by at all the shows, leaving smiles behind.

Irene's assistance in handing out placing information and ribbons at STRIDE shows is invaluable and a great public relations effort. The folks at MTRA are also appreciative of her superhuman efforts.

You can spend time with Pinky at her Pink Rose Farm, SE 126th Place, in Belleview. Or, you can take riding and driving lessons there, too!

LIZZIEROSE TO SERVE ON MIAMI MOUNTED PATROL

By Anne Meinel

I received an e-mail from STRIDE regarding a request from a South Florida mounted police unit that was seeking two or three new horses for their Mounted Patrol. It happens that I recently suffered a bad horse related accident and it didn't appear that I would be riding my 16.3 hand warmblood mare any time soon and when I ride again it will probably be on our smaller Norwegian Fjord! So I contacted the City of Miami Special Forces Sergeant who headed up this effort, and after a short time LizzieRose was accepted for the Mounted Police. We all felt that her size and build, sweet temperament and good looks as well as her extensive professional training in Dressage made her particularly suited to Police work. Much as I hated to part with Lizzie, I had rescued her as an abused yearling from an auction, brought her back to good health, placed her with a professional Dressage trainer for a year and a half and shown her

many times to the Training Level 4 in USDF classes, all with the hope that I could place her in a good home as a well-trained and educated mare. Thanks to STRIDE, this has finally happened and she is embarking on a new career in my old hometown Miami, where I lived and worked for twenty years as a local government Architect.



LizzieRose competing at Canterbury



Anne Meinel and Miami Mounted Patrol staff



Lizzie Rose preparing for her trip south

DEVELOP YOUR SHOW STRATEGY

&

WIN A YEAR-END AWARD

By Barbara Brown

Winning a Year-End award is really simple:

- **You must be a member** at the time of the score or when points are earned.
- **What is a CCU?** This is the **combined competition unit** which consists of **one rider/driver and their horse**.
- **Choose your competition status.** Enter as an Adult Amateur, Junior, Professional (Open), or Novice Rider and the horse's competition status in the case of Novice Horse Intro division (NH).
- Make sure **that you have shown in enough classes** in your division to qualify. In general, for ridden dressage you must show in at least 6 classes, and ride Test 3 at least twice. Second level and above must show in three classes, and show Test 3 at least twice.
- Driven dressage (training and preliminary levels) must show in at least 6 classes AND at least two different tests within the level. Intermediate and Advanced levels must show three classes AND at least two different tests within the level.
- Versatility Championship – a CCU must have 3 base scores from either ridden or driven dressage. In addition, the CCU must have placing points from three versatility scores, two (2) of which must be from two (2) different versatility class choices.

This is a general overview of the Year-End requirements. Please consult the 2012 Omnibus for specific rules.

Why do some riders/drivers fail to qualify? Again, I can't stress this enough: **you must know the rules**. If you don't understand them, call someone on the Board for clarification. If you wait until the 4th or 5th show, you may not have enough classes to qualify. The Show Committee often sees riders and drivers who have shown more than enough classes to qualify, but with 2 different horses! **Remember the "CCU" – one rider/driver and one horse**. If you show different horses in the same division,

you may not have enough qualifying scores. Another scenario is when a CCU shows in more than one division (training and first level,) but does not have enough scores to qualify in either division.

Now that I've put everyone to sleep with eligibility requirements, I'd like to share how I've kept track of my scores for many years. I use a simple chart to see how I'm doing against my competition throughout the year.

STRIDE posts all show results on our website soon after a show. I drive in the Preliminary Pony classes. I've found it useful to jot down all the scores in my division. You could do this on the computerized spreadsheet. I'm too lazy for that, so I just record everyone's scores on ledger paper. Since I also drive in the versatility classes, I include those scores. By the 4th show, it's easy to see who's in the running to win a certain award.

Remember, that below Second Level (for riders) and Intermediate (for drivers,) you must have 6 scores. BUT, if you showed 2 classes in each of the 5 shows, you would have racked up 10 scores. Here's the good news: your 4 lowest scores will be dropped! The scores that I want to forget, (also known as my brain meltdowns,) WILL go away at the end of the year. I use my chart to decide if I need to pump up the average of my scores by showing in all five shows. There's also the possibility that you can qualify for Most Improved Rider or Driver, but your lowest score has to predate your highest score.

I would like to encourage all members to show as many classes as they can. My philosophy is that once I've hooked up the trailer, washed the pony, and put on my best hat, I might as well stay at the Horse Park for a while. I'll be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Submitted by Barbara M. Brown,
Member-at-Large
STRIDE Board of Directors

MARCH 18 SCHOOLING SHOW RESULTS

The weather for this show day was greatly improved over February's show!
Congratulations to all!

STRIDE 2012 Schooling Show Series, #2 - March 18, 2012

Championships (at least 3 competitors & top 2 scores of competitors averaged)

Intro Level

Ch Lonni Bechen Admiral Buckee

RCh Polly R. Butterworth (NR) Quintessenz (NH)

Intro Open

Ch Chris Gaisumas letske Von Roazebask

RCh Deb Williams Act Cool

Training Level Division: AA

Ch Karen Wolfsheimer Flower of Capri

RCh Jessica Wynn Alright Already

Training Level Division: Open

Ch Sherri Lower Wynshire's Protégé

RCh Lisa Sutton (Rdr) I-Elvira

First Level

Ch Jody Harwood Cindy Lou Who

RCh Holley Russell Lady Livengood

Driving

Ch Ellen Epstein (Dvr) Alex (Hrs)

RCh Robin Groves (Dvr) R G Black Fletcher (Hrs)

Dr. Training Level

Ch Carolyn Britt (Dvr) Warrior (VSE)

RCh Kim Benson (Dvr) Miss Hattitude (Pny)

Dr. Preliminary Level

Ch Robin Groves (Dvr) R G Black Fletcher (Hrs)

RCh Sis Rose (Dvr) General Nuisance (Mule)

Western Dressage Basic

Ch Tiffany Mitchell Doc's Peppy Cowboy

Ch Katherine Walker Dolly

Novice Horse - INTRO A (NH) [WT only] (C) MacMahon [L]

1 Lonni Bechen Admiral Buckee 66.875%

2 Polly R. Butterworth (NR) Quintessenz (NH) 63.750%

3 Mimi Leggett Mr. William "C" 60.000%

4 Donna Arteaga Sugar 56.875%

5 Carolyn Hall Wisconson SAM 46.250%

Novice Rider - INTRO A (NR) [WT only] (C) MacMahon [L]

1 Polly R. Butterworth (NR) Quintessenz (NH) 70.000%

Novice Horse - INTRO B (NH) [WT only] (C) MacMahon [L]

1 Lonni Bechen Admiral Buckee 70.000%

2 Polly R. Butterworth (NR) Quintessenz (NH) 63.750%

3 Donna Arteaga Sugar 57.500%

4 Mimi Leggett Mr. William "C" 55.625%

5 Carolyn Hall Wisconson SAM 42.500%

Novice Rider - INTRO B (NR) [WT only] (C) MacMahon [L]

1 Polly R. Butterworth (NR) Quintessenz (NH) 65.625%

Open INTRO B (NR/NH/AA/JR/Open) (C) MacMahon [L]

1 Deb Williams Act Cool 65.000%

2 Chris Gaisumas letske Von Roazebask 63.750%

Open INTRO C (NR/NH/AA/JR/Open) (C) MacMahon [L]

1 Gary Yeager Topsails Princess 62.500%

1 Chris Gaisumas letske Von Roazebask 62.500%

2 Deb Williams Act Cool 59.000%

3 Jan Bench Markhams Moon Tide 48.000%

Training Level, Test 1 (AA/JR only) (C) Holekamp [R]

1 Karen Wolfsheimer Flower of Capri 67.083%

2 Wendy Ryan Orchard Hill Diamond Drop 63.750%

3 Maxene Renner Ballinvella's Black & Tan 61.250%

Training Level, Test 2 (AA/JR only) (C) Holekamp [R]

1 Jessica Wynn Alright Already 69.643%

2 Lena Davis Riesen 64.286%

3 Hellena Smejda Lectric 62.500%

4 Wendy Ryan Orchard Hill Diamond Drop 57.143%

Training Level, Test 3 (AA/JR only) (C) Holekamp [R]
 1 Karen Wolfsheimer Flower of Capri 68.400%
 2 Jessica Wynn Alright Already 66.800%
 3 Lena Davis Riesen 61.600%
 3 Hellena Smejda Lectric 61.600%
 4 Maxene Renner Ballinella's Black & Tan 61.600%

Training Level, Test 1 (AA/JR/Open) (C) Holekamp [R]
 1 Sherri Lower Wynshire's Protégé 80.417%
 2 Gary Yeager Sundance 66.667%

Training Level, Test 2 (AA/JR/Open) (C) Holekamp [R]
 1 Sherri Lower Wynshire's Protégé 77.500%
 2 Lisa Sutton (Rdr) I-Elvira 69.643%
 3 Luke McLaughlin Shamrock 62.500%

Training Level, Test 3 (AA/JR/Open) (C) Holekamp [R]
 1 Sherri Lower Wynshire's Protégé 74.400%
 2 Lisa Sutton (Rdr) I-Elvira 67.600%
 3 Luke McLaughlin Shamrock 59.600%

First Level, Test 1 (AA/JR/Open) (C) Holekamp [R]
 1 Jody Harwood Cindy Lou Who 66.552%
 2 Luke McLaughlin Markhams Moon Tide 61.724%
 3 Diane Laws Second Glance 61.034%
 4 Darren Chiacchia Let's Dance 45.690%

First Level, Test 2 (AA/JR/Open) (C) Holekamp [R]
 1 Jody Harwood Cindy Lou Who 66.622%
 2 Holley Russell Lady Livengood 61.486%
 3 Liz Doherty Let's Dance 48.108%

First Level, Test 3 (AA/JR/Open) (C) Holekamp [R]
 1 Holley Russell Lady Livengood 63.387%
 2 Jessica Wynn Toby 61.935%

Second Level & Above - Test of Choice (C) Holekamp [R]
 1 Lorie Kinney Carrera XP 67.895%
 2 Judy Downer Dixieland Delight 61.714%
 3 Judy Downer Dixieland Delight 61.579%
 4 Nancy U. Cole Paraselene 60.286%
 5 Ellie Metelits Pluto Chantella 60.000%
 6 Lisa Sutton (Rdr) Raquel 58.718%

FEI Level - Test of Choice (C) Holekamp [R]
 1 Sindra Ridge Conversano II Emma II-I 62.368%

Dr. Training Level 1 (Horses/Ponies/VSEs) (C) MacMahon [L]
 1 Gerry Auermann (Dvr) Whispering Merquise (Hrs) 65.789%
 2 Margie Smith (Dvr) SAF Take Command (Pny) 61.579%
 3 Lisa Walsh (Dvr) Chaz's Grand Wizard (Pny) 60.000%
 4 Kim Benson (Dvr) Miss Hattitude (Pny) 57.895%
 5 Albert Cotton (Dvr) Just Rusty (VSE) 57.368%
 6 Devin Fish (Dvr) Tonka (Pny) 56.842%

Dr. Training Level 2 (Horses/Ponies/VSEs) (C) MacMahon [L]
 1 G. Wilson Groves (Dvr) In Due Time (Hrs) 67.500%
 2 Carolyn Britt (Dvr) Warrior (VSE) 62.000%
 3 Kim Benson (Dvr) Miss Hattitude (Pny) 58.000%

Dr. Training Level 3 (Horses/Ponies/VSEs) (C) MacMahon [L]
 1 Jim Lee (Dvr) Tinkerbell (Pny) 66.364%

Dr. Training Level 4 (Horses/Ponies/VSEs) (C) MacMahon [L]
 1 Fiona Delfino (Dvr) SF Uzanne (Pny) 64.286%
 2 Carolyn Britt (Dvr) Warrior (VSE) 59.048%
 3 Ruth Campagna (Dvr) Conner (VSE) 58.571%

Dr. Preliminary Level 1 (Horses/Ponies/VSEs) (C) MacMahon [L]
 1 Barbara Brown (Dvr) Eynstynne (Pny) 65.714%
 2 Lisa Walsh (Dvr) Barneswood Altessa (Hrs) 60.952%
 3 Jeanne Abbott (Dvr) Eclipse Promenade (Hrs) 58.571%

Dr. Preliminary Level 2 (Horses/Ponies/VSEs) (C) MacMahon [L]
 1 Ellen Epstein (Dvr) Alex (Hrs) 69.130%
 2 Robin Groves (Dvr) R G Black Fletcher (Hrs) 68.261%
 3 Sis Rose (Dvr) General Nuisance (Mule) 63.043%
 4 Margaret Mayer (Dvr) Templeton (Pny) 59.130%
 5 Jeanne Abbott (Dvr) Eclipse Promenade (Hrs) 53.913%
 6 G. Wilson Groves (Dvr) In Due Time (Hrs) 53.043%

Dr. Preliminary Level 3 (Horses/Ponies/VSEs) (C) MacMahon [L]
 1 Sis Rose (Dvr) General Nuisance (Mule) 64.286%
 2 Barbara Brown (Dvr) Eynstynne (Pny) 58.095%

Dr. Preliminary Level 4 (Horses/Ponies/VSEs) (C) MacMahon [L]
 1 Robin Groves (Dvr) R G Black Fletcher (Hrs) 67.619%
 2 Margaret Mayer (Dvr) Templeton (Pny) 54.286%

Driven Dressage - TOC (Horses/Ponies/VSEs) (C) MacMahon [L]
 1 Ellen Epstein (Dvr) Alex (Hrs) 69.583%
 2 Cheryl Gonzalez (Dvr) Max (Hrs) 48.696%

Dr. Driven Cones (Horses) - 40 cm (C) Volunteer
 1 Robin Groves (Dvr) R G Black Fletcher (Hrs) 75.000%
 2 G. Wilson Groves (Dvr) In Due Time (Hrs) 70.000%
 3 Ellen Epstein (Dvr) Alex (Hrs) 67.000%
 4 Jeanne Abbott (Dvr) Eclipse Promenade (Hrs) 64.000%
 5 Gerry Auermann (Dvr) Whispering Merquise (Hrs) 61.000%

Driven Cones (Ponies/VSE's) - 40 cm (C) Volunteer
 1 Irene Gentile (Dvr) Rosebud (VSE) 75.000%
 2 Barbara Brown (Dvr) Eynstynne (Pny) 70.000%
 3 Margie Smith (Dvr) SAF Take Command (Pny) 67.000%
 4 Devin Fish (Dvr) Tonka (Pny) 64.000%

Dr. Driven Cones (Horses/Ponies/VSEs) - 30 cm (C) Volunteer
 1 Carolyn Britt (Dvr) Warrior (VSE) 75.000%
 2 Margaret Mayer (Dvr) Templeton (Pny) 71.000%
 3 Cheryl Gonzalez (Dvr) Max (Hrs) 67.000%
 4 Robin Groves (Dvr) R G Black Fletcher (Hrs) 64.000%
 5 Fiona Delfino (Dvr) SF Uzanne (Pny) 61.000%
 6 Ruth Campagna (Dvr) Conner (VSE) 58.000%

Dressage Equitation (NR) - Group Class WT (C) MacMahon [L]
 1 Polly R. Butterworth (NR) Quintessenz (NH) 75.000%

Prix Caprilli Test #1 WT (C) MacMahon [L]
 1 Gary Yeager Topsails Princess 64.667%
 2 Lonni Bechen Admiral Buckee 61.333%
 3 Donna Arteaga Sugar 60.667%

Trail – Ridden (C) Volunteer
 1 Heather Stalker (Rdr) Tswannee Tsulton 75.000%
 2 Mimi Leggett Ram 70.000%
 3 Mimi Leggett Mr. William "C" 67.000%
 3 Hellena Smejda Lectric 67.000%
 4 Polly R. Butterworth (NR) Quintessenz (NH) 64.000%
 5 Diane Laws Second Glance 61.000%

Trail – Driven (C) Volunteer
 1 Irene Gentile (Dvr) Rosebud (VSE) 75.000%
 2 Barbara Brown (Dvr) Eynstynne (Pny) 70.000%
 3 Sis Rose (Dvr) General Nuisance (Mule) 67.000%
 4 Lisa Walsh (Dvr) Barneswood Altessa (Hrs) 64.000%
 5 Heather Stalker (Dvr) Ultimate Odyssey Z 61.000%

Dressage by the Letters – Ridden (C) Volunteer
 1 Heather Stalker (Rdr) Tswannee Tsulton 75.000%
 2 Donna Arteaga Sugar 70.000%

Dressage by the Letters – Driven (C) Volunteer
 1 Robin Groves (Dvr) R G Black Fletcher (Hrs) 75.000%
 2 Carolyn Britt (Dvr) Warrior (VSE) 70.000%
 3 Sis Rose (Dvr) General Nuisance (Mule) 67.000%
 4 G. Wilson Groves (Dvr) In Due Time (Hrs) 64.000%

Western Dressage Basic Level 1 (C) Holekamp [R]
 1 Donna Steffey Fabian's Angel 68.095%
 2 Tiffany Mitchell Doc's Peppy Cowboy 62.381%
 3 Katherine L. Walker Dolly 61.905%

Western Dressage Basic Level 2 (C) Holekamp [R]
 1 Donna Steffey LH Allegro Vivachi 71.522%
 2 Tiffany Mitchell Doc's Peppy Cowboy 66.522%
 3 Katherine L. Walker Dolly 63.478%

Western Dressage Primary Level 1 (C) Holekamp [R]
 1 Mimi Leggett Ram 67.609%

Western Dressage Primary Level 2 (C) Holekamp [R]
 1 Mimi Leggett Ram 68.889%

Eventing Dressage Test – TOC (C) Holekamp [R]
 1 Alden Leavit Castlefarm Snooze Cruise 70.435%
 2 Sable Giesler Evil Munchkin 67.931%

Thank you to all competitors and volunteers who made this such a successful show!
 Join us May 6 for Schooling Show # 3
 Entries close postmarked April 23.
 Omnibus at www.STRIDEdressage.org and www.stridedressage.com.

The following minutes were approved by all Board members via email vote on March 20, 2012, and include January meeting minutes that were approved at March 5 meeting

Minutes of STRIDE Dressage Board Meeting, March 5, 2012

At Irene's House

Submitted by Secretary Margaret Mayer

2012 Board Attended: Hellena Smejda, Irene Gentile, Carola Sanz, Margaret Mayer, Judy Downer, Vickie Rollack, Barbara Brown.

Hellena called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Barbara read the minutes of the January 2012 Board meeting. Irene made a motion to accept. Judy seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted and are attached at the end of these minutes.

Judy updated us on current membership numbers: 179 current members.

Carola reported that after expenses from the Feb. show we had a profit of \$1,400. We discussed that all projects going forward have a budget before they happen. Hellena and Carola will confer to build a budget for STRIDE, based on past expenditures and expected events and income.

Discussion of additional liability insurance for board members (Directors and Officers). Tabled till next meeting. Newsletter to be published earlier in month.

Facebook page is up. Thanks to Staci Sperandeo.

Discussion of ad for *Horse and Pony* newspaper. We always want to be in calendar list in back and a spring and fall display ad. Barbara is going to research how non-members heard of show for future marketing. Irene reported on February's show. Discussed parking issue which Irene is going to meet with horse park to resolve before March show. Otherwise ran smoothly with great help from Judy Downer as Manager and her clan of volunteer students.

Discussed inserting show programs in envelopes.

Discussed next show management and getting dates now from Horse Park for 2013. Barbara will contact park for these.

Discussed renting an empty storage stall at the Florida Horse Park to store the cones, etc. Barbara and Vickie are going to work on a program for Show Mentoring. This will alert and educate riders on how to qualify for awards.

Irene reported on Horse Park Fundraiser, Celebrating Secretariat, held at Gold Mark Farm, which she attended on behalf of STRIDE. It was great fun, great food and a

successful evening for the Florida Horse Park. The Board had approved the \$150 expenditure (4 yes, 3 no) via email on February 8.

Discussed cost of sending out newsletter in mail to 18 members at approximately \$70 per mo. We are spending more than they are paying in dues after we contribute to USDF. Discussed a surcharge to members needing this service beginning with next membership year.

Fall riding camp will be changed to a Fall Riding Clinic. We need a committee chair.

Discussed clarifying the STRIDE voucher policy. Board members, ad manager, newsletter editor, facebook editor and equipment manager to receive free membership for the year they serve. Reduce show manager's vouchers to 2 per show (from 3) since the duties have been decreased now that we have a paid Show Secretary. Otherwise vouchers are earned by attending meetings (5 per year = 1 \$20 voucher) or volunteering at STRIDE events (meetings, shows, or clinics). Vicky made a motion to accept and Irene seconded it. Passed unanimously.

Discussed advertising and sponsorship programs for events, web and newsletters.

Judy Downer will give a rider biomechanics talk at the May general meeting which will be held at 7 pm at the College of Central Florida, Building 11. No food will be served.

Barbara volunteered to speak about year-end award strategy in the general membership meeting to be held immediately after the Saturday April 7 half-day vital sign clinic at Rebel Ridge. This replaces the Tuesday evening general membership meeting in April.

Next board meeting will be May 21st at Barbara Browns home. Members who wish to bring something to the attention of the Board should email Barbara at least two weeks before. Members may attend the Board meetings and may participate in the discussions, but may not vote.

Hellena made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Margaret seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Minutes of STRIDE Dressage Board Meeting, January 16, 2012. Board approved on March 5, 2012.

At Hellena's House, Submitted by Secretary Margaret Mayer

2012 Board Attended: Hellena Smejda, Irene Gentile, Carola Sanz, Margaret Mayer, Judy Downer, Vickie Rollack, Barbara Brown, Tracey Bregman
Guests: Charlotte Trentelman (2012 Omnibus Committee Chairperson), Loretta Lucas (2011 Membership Secy).

Hellena called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Barbara read the minutes of the November 2011 General Membership meeting. Charlotte made a motion to accept. Hellena seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted.

Discussion of the change of business meetings to be separate from general meetings. Irene made a motion to accept. Loretta seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Hellena (ex-Treasurer) passed out financial reports for year end 2011 and briefed Board on expenses (\$64,104) vs income (\$56,085) for the year. Available funds at Jan 1 2012 were \$6,087.00

Discussion of curbing our spending and raising show fees to keep expenses in line with income.

Reviewed membership survey results from Loretta Lucas.

Transfer of board duties and paperwork from old board members to new.

Announced that Staci Sperandeo will be the new advertising marketing manager.

Lengthy discussion on the new Omnibus created by Committee of Charlotte, Loretta, Irene and Diane Laws. We raised the class entry fee to \$20. Added USEA (eventing) test of choice and 6 Western Dressage classes. Clarified the open rider definition. Judy asked about requesting CF students to strip stalls after show. Hellena motioned to approve amended Omnibus. Judy seconded the motion. Omnibus was approved.

Discussed why our membership year starts in September (due to USDF year changes and reporting of members required to USDF by Dec 1).

Discussion on making a demonstration video of Western Dressage test for web site.

Discussion of ad for Horse and Pony newspaper. Size and price is being researched. Other advertising ideas will be researched by Staci.

Current membership is 158.

Discussion on involving all board members in each decision. All email on club business will go out to all board members.

Hellena adjourned the meeting. Margaret seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.



CINDERELLA'S SLIPPERS?



FLASHBACK Question: I found this photo when cleaning. It is from a STRIDE AWARDS Banquet at Harbor Hills Country Club. I thought it would be fun to run the picture, as a contest, to see who can name all the STRIDE ladies in this picture? They can email me their answers, and I will announce the winner and a reward!

Attention STRIDE "SENIORS"!!! Can you identify all the ladies in this Harbor Hills Country Club STRIDE BANQUET FLASHBACK? Correctly identify the first and last names, left to right, and the YEAR.....and be the first to email your correct answer to Lonni Bechen at oakhilleclipse@yahoo.com Winner and award to be announced in May's newsletter! HOW good is your memory???



Arredondo Dressage Society and HPAF Present

Horses Helping Horses Dressage Clinic

A day to benefit the Horse Protection Association of Florida (HPAF)
Sunday April 15, 2012 at Canterbury Equestrian Showplace, Newberry, FL

Some of the region's best instructors are donating their expertise:
Judy Downer, Baudouin Hallet, Maria Hallet, Amber Kimball,
Pam Neff, Greta Wrigley, Carey Zukaitis

Auditing is free – bring chair for best seating

Plus: raffle with terrific prizes

Plus: lunchtime saddle fit demonstration by Lea Ann Rogers

Plus: huge used tack sale 8 AM to 4 PM

(Sales spaces cost \$10 and tack donations to the HPAF table are gratefully accepted.)

**Bidding opens on Monday, March 26th, 2012 at 8 am
and closes on Sunday, April 8th at 12 pm.**

**Bids may be placed by emailing the following to ArredondoDressage@yahoo.com:
Name, Address, Phone, Email, Clinician, Bid Amount,
Specific Time Slot (If Necessary), Stall Reservation (+\$15)**

Bids may start at \$30 and can be increased by increments of \$5 or more. Winning bids will include the fee to Canterbury for facility use. Stalls will be available at an additional cost of \$15.

Please indicate the clinician with whom you would like to ride, and the bid amount of your bid.

Many of our clinicians are donating two lessons, and your bids will be applied against either of these spots unless otherwise specified.

Remember, the proceeds from this benefit will be going to support the wonderful work of the Horse Protection Association of Florida – please be GENEROUS.

You will receive email confirmation of your bid and will be notified by email if you are outbid so you can bid again.

All bids are considered a contract to pay, and cannot be rescinded. Should you be unable to ride in your appointed spot, you may make arrangements for another rider to take your place. We would be happy to put you in contact with other interested bidders if the need should arise, but the arrangements are yours to make.

Winning bidders will be required to pay for their clinic slots by **check to be received no later than Wednesday, April 11, 2012.**

Mail payments and copy of negative Coggins test to:

**Arredondo Dressage Society
c/o Heather Stalker
5916 NW 158th St.
Alachua, FL 32615**

STRIDE MEMBER ATTENDS EQUINE LAND CONSERVATION RESOURCE SEMINAR



Below are photos taken at the Equine Land Conservation Resource (ELCR) seminar held on Saturday, [10 March](#), at Shannondale Farm (ridden dressage and clinic facility), Alphareeta, Georgia. I direct your attention to the photo of the red banner, which encapsulates the necessity for attention to this issue.

The lady I drove with, Angel also posted photos, and she has video of each presentation. These presentations include a planner from a university in Penn, a lawyer who writes land trusts, folks who have created equine communities in the Atlanta area, et cetera. Angel assures me that I will be informed when the videos are available for viewing. Please let me know if you are interested in further information about this program, the information they shared, et cetera. I direct your attention to the photo of the banner, which states the necessity for attention to the main point. I also welcome all responses.

In as far as I know, I and the person with whom I drove up, Angel Jones were the only people from Florida to attend the event. My impression is that there were also no other USDF members present, although there was a person who flew down from Barrington, Illinois, and who is on their planning council. Presentations were given by a Professor in planning from a university in Pennsylvania, a lawyer trained and experienced in writing land trusts, some people who have created equine friendly communities in the Atlanta area, et cetera.

Angel also has video of each presentation, and these ought to be available for STRIDE or Whips clubs to view, if there's interest. ELCR also had a professional video crew (two people and a fancier camera), which shot the presentations and my impression is that these will be available on their site.

I am hoping you will feel free to share this communication with people in STRIDE and the FL Whips, and to see if there are folks interested in the information shared at the seminar.

I welcome all responses and comments.

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The lovely facilities at Shannondale Farm.



Attendees in the Dressage Viewing Room at the Equine Land Conservation Resource seminar, Alphareeta, Georgia, March 10, 2012.



Denise O'Meara, Seminar Organizer, left, and Angel Jones, Media, right, at the Equine Land Conservation Resource seminar, Alphareeta, Georgia, March 10, 2012.

FLORIDA AGRICULTURE CENTER AND HORSE PARK NAMED AG/EQUINE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

From Summer Best

Ocala, Fla. - The Florida Agriculture Center and Horse Park was named "Ag/Equine Business of the Year" [Thursday, March 8](#), at the Appleton Museum during the Ocala/Marion County Chamber of Commerce's annual Stars over Ocala Business Awards.

The award is given annually to the Marion County ag/equine-related business nominated that most exemplifies

- Staying Power
- Growth in Number of Employees
- Increase in Sales and/or Unit Volume
- Innovation of Product or Service Offered
- Response to Adversity
- Evidence of Contributions to Aid Community-Oriented Projects

"We are honored to accept this award, and honored to be a part of the important work on the economic and quality-of-life missions at the Florida Agriculture Center and Horse Park," said Connie Wise, Chair of the Foundation for the Florida Horse Park, during the presentation.

"Marion County is the hub of Florida's equine activity and is home to mega farms, cutting edge-equine medical care, the Ocala Breeders Sales Co., the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' and Owners' Association, the Ocala International Airport and hundreds of agriculturally related businesses and industries. The sustainability of Marion County's agricultural and equine interests is directly linked to the success of the Park.

"The Park currently represents significant development and construction opportunities, simultaneous job creation and related economic stimulus. Thank you so much for recognizing the continued efforts of our staff, board members, sponsors, donors, elected officials and friends who work so hard on this important undertaking at the Park."

Also recognized during the evening was Whitfield Palmer III, who was named Ocala Magazine's Person of the Year, in part for his role in launching the Foundation for the Florida Horse Park. Palmer is the current vice-chair of the foundation.

"The Florida Horse Park has the potential to be the singular, most significant growth opportunity for this area," Palmer said. "We've worked hard to lay the groundwork for a world-class facility, and now we're ready for infrastructure to come up out of the ground. Even if you aren't a horse person, there's something for everyone, and we hope everyone will be able to get involved with this endeavor."

Local media coverage from the Ocala/Star Banner can be found [here](#).

The 500-acre Florida Agriculture Center and Horse Park, carved out of the Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway, is home to everything from horse shows to Jack Russell Terrier races, trail riding, RV shows, foot races, triathlons, camping and countless outdoor activities. According to the most recent POLICOM economic studies, the Park currently contributes \$15.1 million to Florida's bottom line. When the Park's comprehensive master plan is complete, economists expect the facility to contribute at least \$75 million to the state's economy. For more information, visit www.flhorsepark.com.

Ladies Driving Retreat

May 11-13, 2012
Registration Form

Name _____ City/State _____
Address _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Cell number _____

Registration Fee \$229.00 (Non Refundable) Includes:

- (1) 45 Minute Private & (2) Group lessons
Per driver for the weekend (Fri., Sat. & Sun.)
- (1) Stall or paddock provided
- Shared group lodging or RV site included.**
**Roundtable Discussions with instructor
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**Clinicians: Private: 7:30-1:30p.m. (Fri, Sat, Sun)
Group: 4:00p.m. to dusk**

- Marjas Becker**
- Audrey Hartnett**

**Housing: Check-in: Friday 12:00pm
Check-out: Sunday 3:00pm**

Stall Rental Information:

Resort Rules: You must have a stall or shared paddock for your equine. No trailer tie-offs, day use horses must be kept in the trailer when not driving. Stalls are pre-assigned.

One Horse/Pony:	<i>INCLUDED</i>	\$ 229.00	_____
Additional Horse/Pony	\$60.00 each		_____
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1 Additional Private Lesson	\$50.00		_____
	Total		_____

Stall Stripping Deposit \$30 per Stall _____ x \$30 = \$_____ separate check.
Stall Deposit is refundable if stalls are stripped when leaving. Make a separate check made out to: Grand Oaks Resort.

Day of Arrival _____ Time of Arrival _____

Please indicate lesson time preference. We will do our best to accommodate your requests. _____

See Judy at Registration for Safety Check times

Contact Judy Martin at 352-638-8398 or email judycde@yahoo.com to schedule a time for lessons.

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AD DEADLINE: Payment and/or order must be received by 25th of preceding month.

QUESTIONS: Ad Manager Staci Sperandeo, ads@STRIDEdressage.org

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- **Renewals:** Classified ads run for 2 months (see months listed in brackets at the end of your ad). To renew, notify us by email to ads@stridedressage.org by the 25th of the preceding month (e.g., Jan 25 for Feb issue).

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- Full page: \$45 per month or pre-paid annual rate \$450 prepaid
- Check must accompany order

- Complete ads must be submitted in electronic format to ads@stridedressage.org

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STRIDE CLASSIFIED ADS – APRIL 2012

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