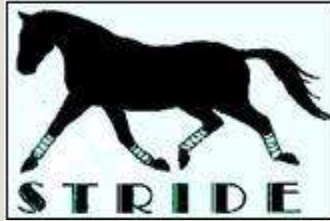


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## 2012 CLUB EVENTS

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at  
7:00pm. Ruby Tuesdays Restaurant, SR200.  
Topic: Year-End Award Strategies & 2012  
Omnibus

**Jan 21: Musical Freestyle Symposium,** Gator  
Slide Farm, Micanopy. See page 5 for info.

**Jan 28 & 29: Wounded Warriors Project,**  
Therapeutic Driving & Riding Programs, Grand  
Oaks Resort, Weirsdale, FL. Contact Kacy Fashik,  
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229. While not an official club event, STRIDE fully  
supports this worthwhile fundraiser.

**Feb 19: STRIDE Schooling Show,** Florida Horse  
Park. Watch for an updated Omnibus.  
Remember, you must have a copy of your  
current Coggins test, and a copy of your STRIDE  
membership card to receive member rates.  
Registration closes February 5.

**Feb 21: STRIDE Meeting,** Ruby Tuesdays.

**Mar 18: STRIDE Schooling Show,** Fla Horse Park.

**Mar 20: STRIDE Meeting,** Ruby Tuesdays.

**Apr 17: STRIDE Meeting,** Ruby Tuesdays.

**May 6: STRIDE Schooling Show,** Fla Horse Park.

**May 15: STRIDE Meeting,** Ruby Tuesdays.

**Jun 19: STRIDE Meeting,** Ruby Tuesdays.

**Aug 21: STRIDE Meeting,** Ruby Tuesdays.

**Sept 18: STRIDE Meeting,** Ruby Tuesdays.

**Sept 30: STRIDE Schooling Show,** Fla Horse Park.

**Oct 16: STRIDE Meeting,** Ruby Tuesdays.

**Oct 28: STRIDE Schooling Show,** Fla Horse Park.

**Nov 20: STRIDE Meeting,** Ruby Tuesdays.

## Year End Awards Banquet

Held at the cozy venue of Spruce Creek Country Club's Eagle Ridge Golf Club, this year's Awards Banquet was a smashing success. Over 50 people enjoyed a great meal and good conversation. New friends were made, and everyone caught up with their old friends. There was a video playing on a big screen TV of footage from STRIDE shows, and the 2012 Officers were inducted. Everyone left the banquet with awards, prizes, gifts and big smiles.

Thank you to all who worked to make the banquet happen, all the sponsors and door prize donors. Special thanks to Irene Gentile, the Banquet Coordinator.

**From Lonnie Bechen:** Now that I am on the official "old people's list" for STRIDE, I feel qualified to say "kudos!" to the whole bunch of people who did an excellent job organizing and putting on our banquet this year! All was wonderful: food, setting, presentations, and the slide show and professional looking program were just extra additional touches. Norma made the tables look so pretty, and the lovely prizes and donated door prizes were beyond compare! Thank you all for a JOB WELL DONE! Lonni Bechen



See more photos from the awards banquet on the STRIDE website.

**YEAR END AWARD WINNERS**

## **RIDDEN DRESSAGE**

### **Intro Novice Horse**

Champion: Maxine Renner, Ballinvella's Black & Tan  
Reserve Champion: Robin Bush, D.W. Cricket

### **Intro Open**

Champion: Donna Arteaga, C'est La Vie

### **Training Level Adult Amateur**

Champion: Jody Simonton, Sage Quixote  
Reserve Champion: Lynda Adams, Vida Allegre

### **Training Level Open**

Champion: Vickie Rollack, Gideon

### **First Level Adult Amateur**

Champion: Jody Simonton, Andy  
Reserve Champion: Edith Finlayson,  
Lil Bit O'Luck

### **First Level Open**

Champion: Katherine Walker, Mountaindale

### **Second Level & Above**

Champion: Judy Downer, Nimbus

## **RIDDEN VERSATILITY**

### **Intro Level Open**

Champion: Donna Arteaga, C'est La Vie

### **Intro Level Walk/Trot**

Champion: Jennifer Chappelka, Goldie

### **Open**

Champion: Vickie Rollack, Secret Blessing

### **Adult Amateur**

Champion: Jody Simonton, Sage Quixote

## **HIGH POINT AWARDS**

**Intro Novice Horse:** 71.25%, Maxine Renner,  
Ballinvellas's Black & Tan

**Adult Amateur:** 71.08%, Jody Simonton, Andy

**Open:** 70.65%, Katherine Walker, Mountaindale

## **MOST IMPROVED RIDER**

**Intro Adult Amateur:** Robin Bush

**Adult Amateur:** Loretta Lucas

**Junior:** Hailey Wise

**Special Award:** In Memorium Hot Wings, Lonni  
Bechen

## **DRIVEN DRESSAGE**

### **Training Level VSE**

Champion: Polly Butterworth, Oak Hollow Lucas  
Reserve Champion: Carolyn Britt, Warrior

### **Preliminary Level Horse**

Champion: Tom Childress, Summer  
Reserve Champion: Sis Rose, General Nuisance

### **Preliminary Level Pony**

Champion: SuZi, DaKo Ta KRoME  
Reserve Champion: Barbara Brown, Eynestyne

### **Preliminary Level VSE**

Champion: Irene Gentile, Rosebud

## **MOST IMPROVED DRIVER**

**Adult Amateur Driver:** Carolyn Britt

**Open Driver:** Irene Gentile

## **DRIVEN VERSATILITY**

### **Horse**

Champion: Ellen Epstein, Sweetie  
Reserve Champion: Tom Childress, Summer

### **Pony**

Champion: SuZi, DaKoTa KRoME  
Reserve Champion: Barbara Brown, Eynestyne

### **VSE**

Champion: Polly Butterworth, Oak Hollow Lucas  
Reserve Champion: Carolyn Britt, Warrior

## **DRIVEN HIGH POINTS**

**Horse:** 73.333%, Ellen Epstein, Sweetie

**Pony:** 62.868%, SuZi, DaKoTa KRoME

**VSE:** 68.571%, Irene Gentile, Rosebud

## **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

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## **SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD**

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### **Year End Awards Clarification**

To all of our 2011 Champions we give a big "Congratulations!" You consistently worked through the year and followed the guidelines for awards. That is no small feat. Many are not able to do that.

We've received some questions about whether or not a Champion is allowed to continue in the same level. The answer is "Yes, but."

Yes, you may enter the same level, win classes, and receive daily show championships. You are not restricted from entering any level or division for which you are eligible. (Juniors cannot enter as adult amateurs, for example.) If you wish to contend for a Versatility award, you are not restricted to any certain level for your base scores. Please read the requirements for all awards carefully.

But, since you are already a champion in a particular level, you are not eligible to win that year-end award again. No one can ever take away your championship; you won it fairly. Now, by STRIDE rules, others will have a chance to win as well.

You may not feel ready to "move up," however by winning a year-end award you have shown that you are probably ready to attempt classes in the next higher level. Nevertheless, many reach a level where they feel comfortable, and for various reasons choose not to move up. No problem; you do not have to. If your championship was in the Amateur or Junior division, you may elect to show in the Open classes of that level and compete for a year-end award. But, if you have won in the Open division,

even if you are eligible, you cannot compete for a year end award in AA or Junior. Sorry!

We hope that you will enjoy competing next year and wish you all high scores and good sportsmanship. See you at the shows!

Charlotte Trentelman

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Lawn chairs, sun hats, etc. Shade provided for those riding lawn chairs.

**Sound equipment courtesy of the Hog Town Heelers.**

Editor's Note: Sounds like a lot of fun!



Heather Stalker

Bob Tarr, 2011

### Heather Stalker Receives Dressage Foundation's Carol Lavell Gifted Scholarship

The Dressage Foundation announced this year's recipients of the Carol Lavell Gifted Scholarships for Adult Amateurs. Each will receive a \$1,000 Scholarship to enable them to set aside quality time in concentrated training with a horse they own, with a trainer of choice, away from the daily pressures of job and family. Heather Stalker and her horse, Tswanee Tsultan, plan to train with Sandi Chohany. Heather is a member of Arredondo Dressage Society and STRIDE.

### American Friends of the Brooke is Now Open

by Joyce Carta

**The Brooke is an international animal welfare organization dedicated to improving the lives of working horses, donkeys and mules in some of the world's poorest communities.**

There are around 100 million working horses, donkeys and mules across the world and during the course of their lives, it is estimated that more than half of these animals suffer from exhaustion, dehydration and malnutrition as a result of excessive workloads and limited animal health services.



Noor and Nasheema with their horse Basanti at the BK Tayal brick kiln in Uttar Pradesh, northern India. Credit: ©The Brooke/Manpreet Romana

About three years ago, I had the opportunity to tour one of the Brooke clinics, in Aswan, Egypt, and was extremely impressed by the work this charity performs, the incredible need they address and the dedication of these veterinary professionals.



Donkeys transporting straw in Ethiopia Credit: © The Brooke/Dan Kennedy

The Brooke operates increasingly through mobile clinics treating injuries and infections, feet and teeth issues and training community animal health workers, as well as helping local people to better understand the physical needs of their animals, encouraging rest and water, good feed and well fitting harnesses and saddles.

I've seen quite a number of the world's very poor places and have seen the kinds of work these animals do under circumstances that would have any of us here calling Animal Control. Our horses, mules and donkeys live lives of unimaginable privilege compared with many in the rest of the world.

In 2011, the Brooke helped more than 900,000 hard working equines across Asia, Africa and Latin America and in turn, the charity calculates they have assisted more than five million people. Their goal is to increase the number of working animals helped to two million a year by 2016.

American Friends of the Brooke launched on 28 October this fall with the mission of bringing the extent of the global need to the equine community in the United States. Yes, in an effort to increase their awareness and donation base here. Yes, this is a 501(C)(3) organization so your donations will most likely be tax deductible.

The Holiday gift-giving season is behind us now...but what would make a better birthday or graduation gift for all your horse or mule or donkey-loving friends and family than a donation in their honor? Less than \$17 could pay for 20 rabies vaccinations....less than \$47 is enough to train a community equine health worker. Your gift may well be the gift of life, not only to the working equine, but to the family dependent on this animal.

For more information please visit American Friends of the Brooke: [www.thebrookeusa.org](http://www.thebrookeusa.org) and to donate: [www.thebrookeusa.org/givemoney](http://www.thebrookeusa.org/givemoney)

## Riding Clinic

Double A Ranch is will host a riding clinic with USDF Champion and instructor, Greta Wrigley on Sunday [January 29](#), 2012. The private lessons are \$80 for a 45 minute session. Space is limited. Please email to book early. Full payment is due no later than Sunday [January 22](#), 2012. Please make all checks payable to Double A Ranch. To reserve, please email or call Amy Green at [904-879-7058](tel:904-879-7058) or [amy@doublearanchpaints.com](mailto:amy@doublearanchpaints.com).

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Jody, Judy, Lonni, Chris T., Charlotte, Greta, Heather, Jackie, Edith & Don, Sally.



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Driving for Newbies intensive 2-day class at Santa Fe College, Gainesville. Sat & Sun, Jan 28-29 in the IFAS covered arena and classrooms. Tuition is \$50. Register as of Jan 5 with Betsy at (352) 395-5193 or [ElizabethAlbury@SFCollege.EDU](mailto:ElizabethAlbury@SFCollege.EDU). Early registration advised. Questions: contact Helen and Bob Tolmach, Kanapaha Morgans at [rtolm@BELLSOUTH.NET](mailto:rtolm@BELLSOUTH.NET) or (352) 374-8763. [Dec/Jan]

Improve yourself and your horse with solid explanations from experienced BHS Trainer/Instructor. Author, USDF Silver Medalist. Will evaluate your progress by riding and feeling your horse, every step of the way. Love to teach all levels. Training board available on beautiful 42 acres with full size dressage arena, clay/sand/fiber. 352 -425-1506  
[www.trainingdressage.com](http://www.trainingdressage.com) Jacqui@trainingdressage.com [Jan/Feb]

Dressage Discoveries! Adult camps for Dressage enthusiasts. Learn more sit on schoolmasters. Visit us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/dressagediscoveries) or website: <http://dressagediscoveries.blogspot.com/>. Individual lessons too. Amber Kimball 717 682 9839 or Anna Toomey 352 361 2407 [Jan/Feb]

Carriage Driving Instructor & Trainer. FEI International Competitor, Clinician, Coach. Pleasure or combined driving training for people and horses, training/advanced, minis, horses, ponies. Lessons at my farm or yours. Flexible schedule. Helping Horses connect with their People! Fred Merriam, Lone Tree Driving, 4101 NE 35<sup>th</sup> St, Ocala 34470. [maxfmer@gmail.com](mailto:maxfmer@gmail.com) (352) 620-5222. [Jan/Feb]

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### SERVICES

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Meadowleaf Equine Braiding Service. Braids by Jeanne for sport horses: Dressage, carriage driving, photo shoots, breed inspections. Show grooming, body clipping, mane pulling, vacation boarding. Also CDE navigating and farm mowing. 25+ yrs experience. I truly love what I do! Call (352) 266-7994 or see Meadowleaf Equine Braiding Service on Facebook. [Jan/Feb]

Carolyn Hall, licensed massage therapist, people and horses. Sound Fork therapy; injury recovery. (352) 307-8188. [Jan/Feb]

Professional Body clipping, show braiding and grooming, farm and pet sitting. Excellent references, reasonable rates. Vickie Rollack (352) 425-4000 or [vickier352@aol.com](mailto:vickier352@aol.com). [Dec/Jan]

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### HORSE BOARDING

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Clear Skies Ranch offering Full or Pasture boarding, Silver Springs area. Box 12/12 stalls with fans. Full size arena and access to forest trails. Quality professional 24/7 care offered including feed, hay and shavings. \$350 Full, \$200 pasture. More info: Kim 352 625-2541. (Jan/Feb)

Large stalls with attached private turnout lot. Lighted dressage arena with mirror, large, lush pastures, round pen, country course, wash rack, tack room. Located west of Ocala. Quality care at an affordable price! Retired dressage horse available for on farm lease. 50 gorgeous acres for trail riding. [www.alwaysabreeze.com](http://www.alwaysabreeze.com) 352-861-7405. [Jan/Feb]

Horses boarded in Weirsdale, near Villages and Continental Acres. 20X40 Dressage arena, access to orange groves and piney woods. 3-horse trailer to most STRIDE and Arabian shows. Box stalls w/fans and shavings. \$325/mo includes stall and turnout, feed, hay, blanketing. Lonni at [oakhilleclipse@yahoo.com](mailto:oakhilleclipse@yahoo.com) or 352-821-3459 [Jan/Feb]

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### EQUIPMENT, APPAREL AND TACK FOR SALE

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BARNSBY Crown Special Dressage saddle, 17.5" with a medium tree. Reflocked by Schleese and inspected. Comfy w/ v-billeting. \$350 OBO. Julie (352) 237-6310. [Jan/Feb]

5 pairs of used medium, stretch, decent condition self patch breeches. \$10/ each or best offer. SE Marion Co. 352-307-8188. [Jan/Feb]

18-inch Toulouse Aachen dressage saddle, wide tree, used less than nine months. Excellent condition, \$800 including safety stirrups and leathers. Call Maxene at 352-291-1416 after 5 p.m. or e-mail [MRenner3@cfl.rr.com](mailto:MRenner3@cfl.rr.com) [Dec/Jan]

Lovingly cared-for Verhan Odyssey 17 MW Dressage saddle for sale, re-flocked last year. 5 years old, looks brand new! Includes bucking strap, fleece cover. \$1,900 OBO, retails new at \$3,200. Local Verhan rep can adjust to fit. Text Jenifer Robinson at 727-543-9445 or email [halfhalt@yahoo.com](mailto:halfhalt@yahoo.com) for pics/info. Trial available. [Jan/Feb]

For sale Diana Pikeur short coat size 10, Kentucky shadbelly size 10, Cavallo top hat. Best reasonable offer. All in excellent condition. 812-4196 [Dec/Jan]

Miscellaneous: 2 new sheets 78 & turnout blankets reg 81 (Waterproof, Winning Edge). PERFECT condition, \$50 each. Used Heavy Winter Blanket 78 lg \$50. Auto Water (cylinder) outdoor/indoor, 2 yrs old \$175. Petrie Dressage Boots, like new 7.5-8 medium calf \$350. Bits \$10 & up. Sharon Hohenberg (352) 361-4385. [Jan/Feb]

Used set of 12 Dressage letter cones, 3-sided, 24" high, base is 18" for stability in wind. \$200 (compared to \$400+ new at Dressage Extensions). Joan Bauer 427-5657. [Jan/Feb]

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### REAL ESTATE

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SE Marion Co. 352-307-8188. \*3-acre mini farm 3/2 house w/ pool. wood barn has Tack/tool room. Multiple stalls, trailer/equipment shed. \$88,000. \*5-acre 5-stall center aisle cement block barn, with 400 sf 1/1 office or apt. \$89,000. Fenced. Can be combined. [Jan/Feb]

