

(((Black Prong Today)))
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Your link to current events, facility updates and special programs at Black Prong Equestrian Center  
<http://www.blackprong.com>

Dear Friends,

The 2004-2005 Season is upon us! There's much to share regarding facility updates and upcoming events, including important clinics, driving trials, CDE's and more. We'll kick off our event calendar by welcoming the Florida Whips' CDE Workshop on November 5-7. Going forward, there's something for everyone, from training to advanced levels, including Haflinger enthusiasts, American Paint Horse enthusiasts, Pairs and 4-in-hand enthusiasts and more. Please visit our event calendar for more details at: <http://www.blackprong.com/eventcalendar.cfm>

Whether you're passionate about perfecting your performance or simply "getting away from it all" with your horse(s) for leisurely drives through the Goethe State Forest, now is the time to make your plans to visit us!

We recently returned from a great experience at Oak Hill, and highly recommend the venue for its great facilities and beautiful scenery.

We also announce that David Saunders, who has been instrumental in helping shape a strong foundation for Black Prong's future, has fulfilled his commitment as a staff member. Going forward, David will maintain his availability as a private trainer, and looks forward to participating in upcoming events. The Black Prong team is sincerely thanks David for his dedication and support, and we wish him a prosperous future!

With our warmest wishes,  
Maureen & Alan Aulson

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**2005 TREASURE COAST EVENT WILL BE HELD AT BLACK PRONG
JANUARY 21-23, 2005**

Black Prong will host the 2005 Treasure Coast Event, due to hurricane damage at the Treasure Coast facility. The event dates will remain as originally scheduled, from January 21-23, and event proceeds will go to Treasure Coast's Ray and Pam Knisley, to assist them with repairing and restoring their facility. More details to follow. Volunteers are encouraged to join us and help make it a success!

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**FACILITY UPDATES:**

**WORLD-CLASS MARATHON COURSE DESIGN**

During the week of October 11, Black Prong welcomed world-famous Course Designer Christian Jseli, the Switzerland-based designer responsible for crafting several world-championship courses throughout Europe. He teamed with Black Prong Course Designer Marc Johnson and the Black Prong crew to complete three intense and successful days of updating the marathon course with new obstacles. The

updated course promises versatility for training and competition at all driving levels, with the best design available in the world!

"HAZ-CAM" AT BLACK PRONG's WATER OBSTACLE!

Black Prong goes high-tech! We've installed a video camera in the Water Hazard (a.k.a. "Haz-Cam"), for LIVE broadcast in the Black Prong Pavilion facility, for the convenience of spectators, drivers and guests!

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The MORGANS of BLACK PRONG...  
They're at it again...

Congratulations to the Morgans of Black Prong for winning the Pairs Marathon at Oak Hill CDE with Alan Aulson at the reins, while David Saunders drove four of the Morgans in the 4-in-hand class. In fact, these majestic and versatile Morgans have won every marathon event they've entered this summer!

And speaking of WHERE CHAMPIONS TRAIN...

Congratulations to Sybil Humphreys and her pony, Bouncer, who earned the title of Reserve Champion Single Pony for the U.S.E.F. at the National Pony Championships at Gladstone. Sybil and Bouncer are looking forward to their third year of training at Black Prong, and are proud to be part of a tradition of champions.

Muffy Seaton, Bouncer's trainer, is available for private training during the winter at Black Prong. Please call Muffy to reserve lessons!

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SEASON SUPPORTERS - NEW BENEFITS ANNOUNCEMENT

Many thanks to continuing and new "Black Prong Season Supporters", who've entrusted us with their contribution to making Black Prong the best place to drive, train, and vacation.

UPDATE: Please note that the Black Prong team will periodically offer discounts to Season Supporters for use of our facilities as well as events that WE coordinate and sponsor. We do not control or manage the pricing for other groups' events held at Black Prong, and therefore cannot extend discounts on these events.

Announcing NEW BENEFITS for Season Supporters:

- 10% off stabling and housing for participants & guests of the Florida Whips CDE Workshop, Nov 5-7.
- \$25 off your entry fee for the Black Prong Holiday Driving Trial, December 3-5.
- Stay tuned for more exciting benefits!

Your annual contribution as a Black Prong SEASON SUPPORTER for just \$300 helps us to provide competitors and visitors with an outstanding Black Prong CDE experience. In return, we are happy to provide you with benefits and outstanding value that outweighs the face value of your contribution. For a complete program summary, visit <http://www.blackprong.com/whatsnew.cfm>

New Season Supporters are always welcome! Simply mail your check for \$300, payable to Black Prong, to: Black Prong Equestrian Center, Season Supporter Opportunity, 450 SE CR 337, Bronson, Florida 32621.

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UPCOMING EVENTS at Black Prong

NOVEMBER 5, 6 & 7: CDE WORKSHOP, Sponsored by Florida Whips. Event organizer Louise Stokes, H: 352-463-6850 E-mail:lstokes@bellsouth.net. For complete info, visit our events page at [www.blackprong.com/eventcalendar.cfm](http://www.blackprong.com/eventcalendar.cfm)

NOVEMBER 19-20: South Eastern Haflinger Assn. Clinics & Trail Ride at Black Prong  
Featuring clinics on combined driving, with relaxing fellowship drive on Saturday and a cookout on Saturday night. Also, learn about Haflinger Horse Classification by the International Haflinger Federation. For more information contact: Terry Roberts at 352-489-2121 or E-mail: [tsroberts@bellsouth.net](mailto:tsroberts@bellsouth.net)

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**JUST FOR PAIRS - AND MORE!**

Back by popular demand...bigger and better than before! A series of clinics hosted & sponsored by Black Prong Equestrian Center to benefit the Pairs & Ponies Championships through the USET.

Event Dates To Be Announced: November 2004 - December 2004 - January 2005  
We've invited the following International Competitors and Former World Champions to serve as clinicians: Ijsbrand Chardon, Jan-Erik ('Nikki') Palsson, Tjeerd Velstra, and Dr. Franz Vetter.  
Please visit [www.blackprong.com/eventcalendar.cfm](http://www.blackprong.com/eventcalendar.cfm) for updates.

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