

**(( ( Black Prong Today )) )  
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Your link to current events, facility updates and special programs at Black Prong Equestrian Center  
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Dear Friends,

Our thoughts and prayers are with those affected by the hurricane(s) throughout the southeast. While it is difficult enough for families to protect personal property (and each other), an equine enthusiast must also keep his or her "faithful friend(s)" out of harm's way.

We appreciate the many friends who've inquired about Black Prong. Fortunately, our facility fared well and we're gearing up for an exciting new season!

Please read on to learn more about what's new at Black Prong, and as always, your comments and ideas are welcomed.

With our warmest wishes,  
Maureen & Alan Aulson

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Once again, MANY THANKS to everyone who supported our Day of Driving event in August, to support the World Pairs & Ponies event through the USET. We received more contributions since our last e-newsletter, making the total more than \$2,500 that was donated to the World Pairs & Ponies Championships through the USET. Check out [www.blackprong.com/programs.cfm](http://www.blackprong.com/programs.cfm) for an event summary, virtual entries and competitors' comments!

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**WHERE CHAMPIONS TRAIN**

Black Prong is truly "where Champions train!" At the Laurels at Landhope CDE, Larry Poulin placed second in the Pair Horse Division, which also serves as the USEF National Pairs Driving Championship. At the Gladstone CDE, David Saunders placed third in the Advanced Pairs division, and also won the marathon event handily! Both train at Black Prong. Congratulations to all!

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**UPCOMING EVENTS at Black Prong**

**NOVEMBER 5, 6 & 7: CDE WORKSHOP, Sponsored by Florida Whips**

Whether you're a driver, navigator or volunteer, there will be something for you, including private and group lessons on the three phases of the CDE, plus demos, lectures and group discussions with qualified instructors. If you've ever wanted to be a volunteer but were not sure what was required, this is an ideal way to learn about the sport and the rules.

Mail your entry SOON for this fantastic event. Contact event organizer Louise Stokes, H: 352-463-6850  
E-mail: [lstokes@bellsouth.net](mailto:lstokes@bellsouth.net). For complete info and entry form, 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

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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

Please visit [www.blackprong.com/eventcalendar.cfm](http://www.blackprong.com/eventcalendar.cfm) for updates.

We've invited the following International Competitors and Former World Champions to serve as clinicians:

Ijsbrand Chardon - Trainer of the Dutch Pair Selection, triple World Four-in-Hand Champion from the Netherlands.

Jan-Erik ('Nikki') Palsson - Member of Swedish Bronze Team - Rome '98 and Golden Team - Stockholm 1990 and Wolfsburg 2000. Winner, FEI Top Driver Award 1993 from Sweden.

Tjeerd Velstra - Famous Dutch driving instructor, twice World Champion Four-in-Hand Driver.

Dr. Franz Vetter

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2005 Black Prong SEASON SUPPORTER Opportunity (Valid Nov 1, 2004 thru Oct. 31, 2005)

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.

This season, you can take advantage of many NEW benefits and discounts for Black Prong Season Supporters! For a complete summary, visit <http://www.blackprong.com/whatsnew.cfm> . We hope you'll agree that these new discounts and benefits provide you with outstanding value that outweighs the face value of your contribution.

Please subscribe or renew by October 1st! Simply mail your check for \$300, payable to Black Prong CDE, to: Black Prong Equestrian Center, Season Supporter Opportunity, 450 SE CR 337, Bronson, Florida 32621.

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