

## Combined Driver Chester Weber To Be Featured In Southern Living Magazine

Ocala, FL – Southern Living magazine recently photographed Silver Medalist Combined Driver, Chester Weber at his farm in Ocala, for an upcoming article in the magazine. Known for bringing readers the best of everyday life in the South, Southern Living journeyed to Weber's Live Oak Stud for a chance to capture the magnificent farm and the man behind the name that has become synonymous with Combined Driving.

The article and photos will appear in the Florida People and Places section of Southern Living and will take reader's on a visual trip that showcases the spreading canopy of live oaks, the lush green grass and the gently rolling hills of Live Oak Stud. The trip to Live Oak wouldn't have been complete without a stop at the stables that house Chester's horses -- top European warmbloods that have led him to countless victories in the field of combined driving. Chester's horses helped him make history in 2008, when he became the first American to win an Individual Silver Medal in the Four-in-Hand FEI World Driving Championships in The Netherlands.

Chester grew up at the farm in Ocala, in the heart of Florida's horse country, where to this day his family still runs a thriving Thoroughbred racing and breeding business. Southern Living readers will enjoy a glimpse into the life of the world-class combined driving champion -- a man who also has the compassionate heart of a true Southern gentleman.

As a testament to his compassion, Chester stepped in to help his friend, eventer Darren Chiacchia, after Darren had a disastrous fall that left him incapacitated and in the hospital in critical condition. In the midst of competing for the national championship, Chester acted as CEO of Darren's business, managing Darren's farm and overseeing the staff, horse sales and lessons. This selfless act proved that Chester is not only a true champion, but a man to be counted on.

Being a champion is Chester's goal, and amidst the grandeur of his stable at Live Oak Stud, he maintains a rigorous competitive schedule as a world class combined driving competitor. In addition to winning his silver medal, Chester has also competed in the World Equestrian Games twice and the World Championships four times. In the United States, he has won the Four-In-Hand National Championship title six years in a row. He and his wife also run a jumper sales business.

With his outstanding record in combined driving, paired with the beautiful scenery of Live Oak Stud, Southern Living reader's are sure to enjoy learning more about Chester Weber and perhaps catch the equestrian 'bug' themselves.

*Photo: Chester Weber and his team, driving through the majestic grounds of Live Oak Stud in Ocala, will be featured in an upcoming issue of Southern Living magazine. (Photo courtesy of Live Oak Combined Training.)*

