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Florida Forever Back Country Horsemen, Inc.
Preserving our equine cultural heritage on public lands for today and tomorrow.

FFBCH NEWS

June, 2018

The June meeting is scheduled for
Wednesday, June 27 at
The Lin Garden
Chinese Restaurant
238-A S US Hwy 41, Inverness, FL
Next to Sav-A-Lot & B&W Rexall
Dinner 5:30-6:30 business meeting at 6:30 p.m.



Non-Members are WELCOME!
Please come and join us!



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We received a very
generous
\$200 donation
from Jan Opper and
Stephanie Mellis. They
are long time visitors at
Renab Ranch and love
our forest!

DEAR CLUB MEMBERS,
WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS
OUR APPRECIATION FOR ALL THE
UNTOLD HOURS OF WORK YOU DO
TO MAINTAIN THE TRAILS. IN OUR
TRAVELS OVER THE YEARS WE HAVE
YET TO FIND ANY AS NICELY CARED
FOR, AS THE CITRUS TRACT IN THE
WITHLA COCKEE. THE BEAUTY OF
THE FOREST AND THE ABILITY TO
NAVIGATE AROUND IT IS TRULY A
PLEASURE WHICH BRINGS US BACK
TIME AND TIME AGAIN.

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS TOKEN OF
OUR APPRECIATION.

SINCERELY,
JAN OPPER
STEPHANIE MELLIS

At our May meeting Carol had a question about the legality of shooting in the forest when hunting is not in season. Thank You!!! Gary Reynolds for researching the issue and providing us with documentation. If you have a problem call CCSO!

In the section “Guns” No. 13 of the Citrus CMA Regulations, it states: The discharge of firearms outside of periods open to hunting or in areas closed to hunting is prohibited per S790.15 of the Florida Statutes.

FS 790.15 Discharging firearm in public or on residential property.

(1) Except as provided in subsection (2) or subsection (3), any person who knowingly discharges a firearm in any public place or on the right-of-way of any paved public road, highway, or street, who knowingly discharges any firearm over the right-of-way of any paved public road, highway, or street or over any occupied premises, or who recklessly or negligently discharges a firearm outdoors on any property used primarily as the site of a dwelling as defined in S 776/013 or zoned exclusively for residential use commits a misdemeanor of the first degree punishable as provided in S 775.082 or S 775.083. This section does not apply to a person lawfully defending life or property or performing official duties requiring the discharge of a firearm or to a person discharging a firearm on public roads or properties expressly approved for hunting by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission or Florida Forest Service.

FS 775.083 Fines.

(1)(d) \$1,000 when the conviction is of a misdemeanor of the first degree.



From Lita Hart, Recreation Administrator, Florida Forest Service

There will be an S212 Wildfire Chainsaw Course offered August 6-10, 2018, at the Withlacoochee Training Center. Fire Control and full time CS/SES FFS staff will be given priority to enroll in this course.

Any staff or volunteers interested in taking this course need to let me know as soon as possible. I will submit a prioritized list of names for our staff and/or volunteers interested in taking the course. If approved and space is available, they will be allowed to take the course.

It will likely be a half day on Monday and Friday and if hands on skills are completed by everyone before Friday, it could finish up on Thursday. However, interested parties should plan on the full week as the length of the course is contingent on the number of participants, the skill level of each participant,

May 2018 FFBCH
General Meeting

5/24/2018 Old World

Meeting called to order at 6:24 PM by Sally McDavid

April Minutes: Motion to approve by Steve Rossman, 2nd by Darlene Creasman and group approved.

Treasurer's Report by Gary Reynolds: Motion to approve by Fred Fulcher, 2nd by Calvin McDavid and group approved.

There are pictures in the news letter of the 5 new mounting blocks. They are solid cement and very heavy. Chances are, they will be difficult for anyone to move. Their locations are also listed in the newsletter. We are going to put high lines in a couple locations to see how that goes and we are making picnic tables for the mounting block locations as well.

General discussion: Tom Allen asked about the possibility of there being a trail-head off of 491 where we see trucks and trailers parked along side of the road. Sally asked three times during the initial planning stage to have a trailhead at Perryman's. It was soundly declined.

It was heard that Lita lost the paperwork for the new trails in Croom so she was going to take them away. Truman produced all of his copies of paperwork and e-mails and said he was prepared to go higher. Then the missing paperwork appeared.

We welcome suggestions for new projects.

A question was asked about people randomly shooting in the forest outside of hunting season. Sally is going to ask about that.

Diane MacDonald made a few comments about the Fallen Oak Equine rescue. She is a foster home for some of their horses. Horses are in a sad state here in Florida.

50/50 \$27.50 won by Sue Jamison.

Next meeting: We try the Chinese place in Inverness.



Want to help? Can't find the time to work on the trails? Can't always make the meetings? That doesn't matter! You can show your support by joining Florida Forever Back Country Horsemen (FFBCH). Individual memberships = \$25 and Family memberships = \$30. Or, make a donation!

Every member of a local chapter is automatically a member of the Back Country Horsemen of Florida AND Back Country Horsemen of America. Not in the Citrus County area? Then join Back Country Horsemen of Florida as an at-large member until a local chapter is developed in your area. Don't forget Nature Coast Back Country Horsemen serving Hernando, west Sumter and northeast Pasco Counties.

There are many issues facing equestrians today. Help us to preserve the trails we have. Add your voice to those of more than 15,000 of your fellow American horsemen and women. **You only have to look at the Croom and the Citrus Tract of the Withlacoochee Forest as an example of what can be accomplished when we work together and with our land managers!**



Current Officers and Directors

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