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

FFBCH NEWS

October 2018

The October meeting is scheduled for

**Thursday, October 25 at
Angelotti's Pizza**

**130 Heights Ave, Inverness, FL 34452
352-419-6550**

Dinner 5:30-6:30 business meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**Clay Cooper, Ag Agent, IFAS
Will be our speaker.**

He will discuss pasture maintenance
and weed management and identification.

If you have a particular weed that you
would like to have identified, bring a
FRESH sample to the meeting and (time allowing)
he will try to identify. Wrap the roots in a wet paper
towel and put in a plastic bag.

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



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New Picnic Table Install !!!

One of the new picnic tables has been installed at Perryman Place in the NW corner on Dixie Land. For those that don't know, there is a hand pump for horse water along with a couple of buckets. There is a new concrete mounting block and we will be installing a high line shortly. A special thanks to Cal McDavid for building the table. Earlier this year Cal, Sally, Janet, Tom, Gary, Fred, Becky, Steve & Karen (sorry if I missed anyone) all worked to trim and clean out this area as it was horribly overgrown. Recently, Cal, Jerry Hardy and Don Ward went back in for additional mowing and trimming. This area used to be a designated primitive camp site with a toilet facility and horse corral. The corral and toilet was in disrepair when Cal and I moved here in 1986 and was torn down a year or two later.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Perryman was a pre-existing house that was adopted into the Land Use Project. The house at Perryman Place had belonged to game warden Vernon Ray Perryman. It was used by the Vyarl Dame Beville family after the property was sold to the WLUP-F13 project in 1936.



The next location will be in the oaks on the south end of El Dorado, just west of FR 13 where we have already installed a concrete mounting block.

**Hunting season is right around the corner. Information for the
CITRUS TRACT
is below.**

**If you are interested in other tracts go to: myfwc.com; Hunting; WMA
Brochures; North Central (State is broken down by region); Citrus.**

Archery Season:
November **3-11, 12-18** and **19-25**.

Muzzle loading Gun Season:
November **30** through December **2** and December **14-16**.

General Gun Season:
December **7-9** and **28-30**.

Small Game Season:
December **31** through February **24**.

Spring Turkey Season:
Youth Turkey: March **9-10**.
Spring Turkey: March **19-22**, April **2-5** and **16-19**.

**Save your feed bags & hay string for the next great
garbage pick up day !! - coming soon - January 2019!**





Forestry is planning another S212 Wildfire Chainsaw Course sometime this fall, at the Withlacoochee Training Center. Fire Control and full time CS/SES FFS staff will be given priority to enroll in this course, but there may be a few slots for volunteers.

At this time I am simply looking for those who are sincerely interested in becoming certified and would be willing to commit to the program.

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, weather conditions, etc.

If you are interested in taking this course, please email Sally McDavid at ffbch.org@gmail.com!

June 2018 FFBCH
General Meeting
6/27/18
Lin Garden II

Meeting called to order at 6:20 PM by Sally McDavid

Future meetings: Oct: Clay Cooper

Jan: James Levy from the Florida Cracker Horse Association talking about the Florida Cracker Horse

Nov: Our picnic at Tillis Hill the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

May Minutes: Motion to approve by Diane McDonald 2nd by Sue Jamison and group approved.

Treasurer's report by Gary Reynolds. Motion to approve by Fred Fulcher 2nd by Sue Brascia and group approved.

We received a \$200 donation from Stephanie Mellis and Jan Opper to show their appreciation for what we do. They camp frequently at Renab.

Fred Fulcher is riding in the Great Cycle Challenge the month of June to raise funds for fighting Kid's Cancer.

Lita has asked Sally for assistance in October for a Scavenger hunt to get donations for Cystic Fibrosis.

We have placed 5 concrete mounting blocks and 2 wooden mounting blocks at various locations in the forest. We have plans for 3 or 4 sets of high lines and 2 more picnic tables.

March meeting: Frank to talk about Phosphate Mining history

Nov or Feb Kim Holzwart to speak about her work at Water Management?

The Cracker Horse people complimented us on how well our trails are marked.

Christmas Meeting: Do we want to do anything different? Most still like Stump-knockers and the exchange.

50/50 \$29.50 won by Carol Christof. Meeting adjourned @6:50 PM



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!**



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