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

FFBCH NEWS

January 2020

The January 2020 meeting is scheduled for

**Tuesday, January 21 at
Buffet City**

**13235 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville, FL 34613
352-592-9889**

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

We will not have a speaker for this meeting. We have LOTS to discuss. We will vote on: Places to meet, speakers you would like to hear and which charity we want to donate to at Christmas.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

We hope to schedule the **February** meeting for either 2/17 or 2/24 at Seafood Sellers. So far, I have been unable to connect with Jimmy to confirm the date. Clay Cooper will speak on "An Integrated Approach to Weed Control and Pasture Management"

The **March** meeting will be a picnic at Tillis Hill on Saturday, March 21. Registration and social hour beginning at 11:00 am with lunch as close to noon as possible. This is a pot luck with the club furnishing all paper products and silverware.

Entrees in addition to side dishes will be furnished by attendees.

Note: Hunting Dates are in this newsletter and will continue through spring.

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

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Special THANKS to all who volunteer!!

All eight horse trails have been adopted by:

Eagle Ridge	Jerry Hardy
Turkey Oak	Charlie & Chris Moore
Thunder Road	Gary & Cindy Cyphers
Deer Haven	Ray & Faye Durrett
Middle Earth East & South	Fred & Becky Fulcher
Dixie Land	Cal & Sally McDavid
Pine Valley	Gary & Janice Reynolds
El Dorado	Janet Day

Volunteers to paint the field trial trails are:

Orange Trail	Andy & Sue Michel with
Purple Trail	David Logan & Darlene Creasman
Red Trail	Gary & Cindy Cyphers
Yellow & Gray Trail	Gary Reynolds
Pink Trail	Fred & Becky Fulcher
Green Trail	Steve & Karen Rossman

Six of the eight rest stops have been adopted by:

Perryman's Place	Cal & Sally McDavid
Mansfield Pond	Charlie & Chris Moore
Pine Valley	Gary & Janice Reynolds
South Cowpen	Gary & Cindy Cyphers
Twisted Oaks	Janet Day
Holder Mine	Janet Day
Palmetto Haven	Needs a volunteer
Five Mile Pond	Needs a volunteer

Two of the ten neighborhood access trails have been adopted by:

Scotch Lane	Steve & Karen Rossman
Tillis Hill Access Trails	Andy & Sue Michel
Heatherwood to Tillis	Needs a volunteer
581 (FR10A) to Holder Mine	Needs a volunteer
Haven Street to FR9	Needs a volunteer
FR10A to SW to Middle Earth	Needs a volunteer
FR10A from FR9 to NW Middle Earth	Needs a volunteer
Bull Sink	Needs a volunteer
Trash Trail	Dave Van
Middle Trail	Betty Lewis & Jolynn Walker



**FFS VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2020
MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN
TO ATTEND. MORE INFORMATION TO
FOLLOW AT A LATER DATE.**

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November 2019 FFBCH
General Meeting 11/23/2019
Tillis Hill Picnic

Call to order at 1 PM by Sally McDavid

Special recognition given to Albert Frey, a Korean War Veteran and to all veterans present.

Guest: Jeanne Winger and two new members. Lynn Burns and Sandy Wait.

Welcome back to the snowbirds.

Reminder: Christmas party at Stumknockers on the River December 19.

A motion was made to approve the October minutes by Karen Rossman, 2nd by Darlene Creasman and group approved.

Treasurer's report by Gary Reynolds. Motion to approve by Sue Michel, 2nd by Lillian Baner and group approved.

Sally shared pictures of damaged trails.

Meeting Places: We basically have 4 places: Old World, Angelotti's, Sea Food Seller and Tillis Hill. We need more places. Buffet City in Brooksville was mentioned and almost everyone in the group said they would go that far. So, we will check into it.

Spring Picnic: Last year was in April and we only had 30 people attend. It was felt that a lot of our members had already left by then so it was decided to move the date to March. It was discussed that we could just do covered dish rather than have a meat entree. If we do that, people would need to bring more entree type dishes rather than veggies and sides.

Gary and Sally met with Forestry personnel Eddie, Lita and Keith about the destruction of the trails when plowing for controlled burns. They said most of their equipment is up North so they just use what they have on hand. As their equipment comes back, they will try to be more eco-friendly. We need everyone to report damaged trails because we don't ride everywhere in the forest to see everything. They are still trying to recover from the Hurricane destruction up North.

Sally gave many statistics on the value of the Horse industry to Florida and the impact of Hurricane Michael on Forestry.

Tillis Hill Improvements: 4 new wash pads; a new covered manure and shavings storage area; repair/ replace corral boards. At Holder Mine, camp sites 84, 86, 125 and 127 will become future equestrian parking.

Volunteer hours should be submitted to Gary Reynolds so we can get credit with forestry and BCHA.

Janet Day passed out T-shirt awards to those who have reach 20 hours of volunteering. This is a one time award. Shirts went to : Cindy Cyphers, Gary Cyphers, Jean Dodge, Laura Phil, Kathy Jackson, Kathy Lane, Rodney Lane, John O'Bannion, Trina Romeo, Bonnie Scott, Dave Van and Don Ward.

Field Trial Painting: All seven have volunteers

Picnic table Update: we have 8 tables and mounting blocks in place with \$975 invested in materials.

Janet has the report on who volunteers for what and a thank you to all to stay year round and keep the trails maintained.

Trash pickup will be Jan 8,9 and 11. Janet is coordinating this event.

Gloria mentioned that she was confronted by a rude hunter in the forest.

Calvin stated that it would be nice to have a sign coming out of the North end of the barn directing people to the trails.

Darlene suggested that instead of the gift exchange at the Christmas party that we take up donations for one of the food banks, Either cash donations or canned goods

50/50 \$94 won by Ray Durett.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:10 PM.

Citrus Hunting Dates 2019 - 2010

Archery Season:

November **2-10**, **11-17** and **18-24**.

Muzzleloading Gun Season:

November **29** through December **1**
and December **13-15**.

General Gun Season:

December **6-8** and **27-29**.

Small Game Season:

December **30** through February **23**.

Spring Turkey Season:

Youth Turkey: March **14-15**.

Spring Turkey: March **24-27**, April **7-10** and **21-**



For other management areas go to:

<https://myfwc.com/hunting/wma-brochures/>

Look for the region then the management area you are interested in.

Please Respect Other User's Trails

Stay OFF Hiking Trails





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.

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

President—Sally McDavid
Vice President—Fred Fulcher
Secretary—Becky Fulcher
Treasurer—Gary Reynolds
Janet Day - Director
Tom Allen—Director
Barb Porch—Director
Cal McDavid—Director

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