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## Florida Forever Back Country Horsemen, Inc.

*Preserving our equine cultural heritage on public lands for today and tomorrow.*

# FFBCH NEWS

November 2018

The November meeting is scheduled for **S-U-N-D-A-Y**, November 18, 2018. Registration and social begins at 11:00, lunch as close to 12:00 as possible with meeting and prize drawings to follow.

FFBCH will be hosting a pot-luck fall picnic in honor of our members and volunteers at **Tillis Hill**. The club will provide spiral sliced ham, paper plates & silverware. We simply ask that attendees bring a covered dish, lawn chair(s) and your favorite beverage and ice if you need it.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!!**  
**CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2018**  
**STUMPKNOCKERS ON THE RIVER**

**DOOR PRIZES** from Tractor Supply, Old World, Sonny's, and others! The club has also purchased a number of prizes such as: cante bags, brushes, buckets, hay bags, lead ropes, etc.

**Don't forget to purchase your 50/50 tickets as they will be used in drawing for the door prizes!**

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



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## New High Line Install !!!



The high line has been installed at Perryman's. There are four loops which can be moved if you grab them where they wrap around the line and slide them. If you pull from the loop (where the lead rope would be tied - they will **not** move).



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](http://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 16, 17 and 19, 2019!**



October 2018 FFBCH - General Meeting  
10/25/1018 - Angelotti's

Meeting called to order at 6:42 by Sally McDavid

June minutes: Motion to approve by Trina Romero, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen Rossman and group approved.

Treasurer's report by Gary Reynolds. Motion to approve by Jean Damron, 2<sup>nd</sup> by and group approved.

We placed a picnic table at Perryman's with a high line. We are going to place another one at the South end. The original picnic tables that we placed are all in place and looking good.

November 18 is our picnic at Tillis Hill. Food will be served at noon. Tableware and meat items will be furnished by FFBCH. Bring a dish to share.

For our Christmas meeting, we had a suggestion of going to the Seafood Seller. Sally discussed the pros and cons of Stumpknockers and the Seafood Seller. A show of hands for each place revealed that most people prefer Stumpknockers. For our white elephant gift exchange we have had gag gifts and white elephants. Some people put very nice items in the exchange. To, this year just bring what you are comfortable with.

With money from Irma, Forestry has done a lot of work on the forest roads. FRs 10 and 13 have been rocked. So, improvements are occurring. They are going to get new lights in the barns at Tillis and are taking out a lot of trees in the camp ground. A tree did fall on someone's vehicle. They are elevating and redoing the road around Holder.

If anyone has suggestions as to where to put more picnic tables, please e-mail Sally. Fred and Gary opened all trails in and out of Tillis. Forestry was very appreciative since all their equipment and some personnel are in the Panhandle right now helping with hurricane recovery and clean up. Sally reported that there was a tree or two down on Turkey Oak and one on Middle Earth. There are severe ruts on Eagle Ridge. So be careful. The grass is real high everywhere out there.

Guest speaker: Clay Cooper Ag and Natural Resource Agent for Citrus County (UF/IFAS Extension Citrus Co.) Clay helps people with pasture management, weed control, hog control, soil sampling, analytical hay sampling and help with ration balancing. Clay brought posters on weeds and poisonous plants for those that would like to have them.

The best form of weed management – good pasture soil and grazing management. It is very difficult to get pasture started in sandy soil. Weeds compete with forage for horses and livestock.

Poisonous weeds:

**Jimsonweed:** Nightshade family – white flower with a purple center trumpet shape - spiny seed pod – all parts are poisonous. Control with Milestone, GrazonNext HI, 2,4,D and 2,4,D plus dicamba

**Milkweed:** looks like lantana. If you break off a leaf, it has a milky sap. It's an irritant to livestock. Control with Banvel, 2,4 D, Grazon, Milestone, PastureGard or Weedmaster

**Castor Bean:** Found in fence rows and forest edge. Spurge family. Has milky sap. Control with Glyphosate or PastureGard

**Chinese Tallow Tree** (Popcorn tree) It's a perennial tree: Belongs in the spurge family and has a milky sap. Commonly found in fence lines. It is toxic and invasive. Control with Arsenal (also lethal to hardwoods), Glyphosate, Remedy (Basal application)

**Showy Crotalaria:** Bean/Pea family all parts are poisonous to all livestock and dogs. It's a cumulative toxin (liver toxin) Yellow flowers. Control with PastureGard, Remedy 2,4 D with dicamba, Glyphoste.

**Creeping Indigo:** Pink flowers, downward growing seed pods in clusters. All livestock are affected especially horses. Control with Grazon, Chaparral, Milestone, Cimarron Plus, Metsulfuron

**Sickle Pod:** Yellow flowers and oval leaf structure. Control with 2,4,D, Glyphosate, Grazon, Remedy

**Chinaberry:** Poisonous to all livestock, especially horses. Mahogany family. Control with Arsenal, Glyphosate, PastureGard, Remedy

**Common Pokeweed:** Purple stem and purple/black berries Control with Remedy, Arsenal, 2,4,D, Grazon, PastureGard

**Black Nightshade:** Green berries Control with Grazon, Milestone, Remedy, PastureGard, 2,4,D

**Tropical Soda Apple (TSA)** just pull it up or use Grazon, Arsenal, Milestone, Chaparral, Remedy

**Cherry Trees;** The wilting leaves are poisonous, So if any branches come down in your pasture or paddock, get them out.

If you have questions or need assistance with plant ID or pasture management, contact:

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Discussion: Field ID – take pictures and e-mail – if you bring a plant in, try to keep it fresh by putting in a zip lock back with a damp paper towel if you can bring it in the same day. If longer, refrigerate or put in a cooler with ice.

Sand spurs belong to the grass family and are hard to control. Spot spray before they go to seed. Sand spurs adapt to ph changes in the soil so altering the ph does not always work. Most of us have small acreage so it might be possible to dig up unwanted plants and burn them.

Is PasturePro the same as PastureGard ? No. PasturePro is 2,4D and PastureGard is 2,4D plus Remedy

2,4D is best for broad leaf plants. Remedy and GrazonNext is next step for more woody stems. Best time to spray is Springtime before plants go to seed. Sometime in March of mid-late April. Next best time to spray is Fall. Herbicide is carried to the roots. 95% of the herbicides have no grazing restrictions. Just be aware if you are using Grazon, it will be in the manure of the animals and if you use this manure as compost, it will kill your vegetables in the garden. Sulfur will bring your soil ph down but does not last long.

50/50 drawing \$39.50 won by Cheryl Ramey.

Meeting adjourned.



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**

**President—Sally McDavid**  
**Vice President—Fred Fulcher**  
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