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Next Meeting Is Monday, February 4, 2019

Monthly meetings are held at Buddy Freddy's in Plant City, generally on the First Monday of the month at 7 p.m. but come earlier for dinner and socializing. Please remember to pay for your meal when you arrive, to help closing effort.

Recovering Lost Horses – Can it Be Done?

One of the lessons learned recently is that the Sheriff's Office is a good place to report a lost or found horse. They are a great focal point for recovery activities. Add Facebook to your efforts because you can get the word out quickly to your network and get volunteers to help search. Another proactive measure to speed the finding of a horse is the routine use of GPS tracking devices when away from home. They are now affordable, small, and weather resistant. They can be clipped to a halter or tack and be traced by satellite GPS to your cell phone. Some units are sold for use on dog collars and will work well for horses too. They do require a monthly subscription fee ranging from \$5-6 to \$20 or more.

Annual Club Banquet Was Held At Tampa Bay Downs

Our party planners, Cathy Moore and Donna Fellers, planned a fabulous day at the track to a sold-out party. We had great door prizes for everyone, a delicious buffet dinner and private bar, with our very own cashier to place bets. It was a beautiful day at the track and a great opportunity to get to know some of our members a little better. Many members also enjoyed a tour of the Front Side of the track and received Tampa Bay Downs ball caps.

Charitable Donations

The club is in the enviable position of being able to make a sizable donation or two. We have formed a committee of two to find 501(c)3 equine related charities. These folks, Sharon Hewitt (shewittr@gmail.com) and Mary Lou Waugh (mlwaugh43@msn.com) have put together a short list for our consideration.

Mary Lou has presented the following groups as possibilities for receiving funds:

TIANVICA Riding Academy – PATH accredited, in Polk County: Veteran's program with activities for physically, mentally, and emotionally challenged individuals to get educational, recreational and therapeutic riding help.

Heartland Horse Equine Activities Learning (HHEAL) – PATH accredited in Avon Park: Therapeutic lessons for children and adults for free.

FL State Agricultural Response Team – Florida (SART): Agency for animal and agricultural emergencies. Acts to coordinate government and private entities for hazards and disasters. Polk County has livestock panels, animal techs and resume at sheriff's property.

HOPE Equine Rescue: Cares for unwanted, mistreated and neglected horses.

RVR – Rescue and rehabilitate neglected, abused, and abandoned horses.

Sharon made handouts, maps, etc. available for review of additional organizations – a copy is attached to this newsletter. Please review these groups and be prepared to respond at the February meeting with your thoughts and knowledge or by sending your opinions to us by email before the meeting on Monday. We plan to make site visits before deciding beginning in March.

Some additional things to keep in mind as you review these organizations: Do these groups integrate the horses into the community? Are they promoting horses outside of the equine community?

Interesting Note on Feeding the Wildlife

During our last meeting, it was brought to our attention that it is illegal to feed FERAL CATS, as they are considered wild animals. Who knew? How do you know if they are feral or abandoned or lost?

Triple B is Moving....

The Triple B Post Office Box location is in the middle of Brandon and is no longer convenient to any of the officers for pick up. We will be maintaining the current box for 6 more months to move through transition into a new box more conveniently located in Lithia. Once the new box is open, we will announce the address change.

Upcoming Rides

Deer Prairie Ride – Feb 9 This ride has been cancelled. Members are directed toward the Colt Creek Family Fun Day (not a club function) instead.

Pack Trip – Feb 15-19 After researching several places, we are going to return to the Carlton Reserve, Windy Sawgrass Cow Camp, with bunkhouses and stalls. If you're interested in joining, please contact Sue V. If you do not have a pack horse, we will have 2 carts available to help pack in. You must bring personal drinking water but water is available for the horses.

Washburn Day Trip – Feb 23 You can make arrangements with SWFWMD to camp out if you would like.

Tillis Hills Camping Trip – Mar 29-31 You must make your own reservations through Reserve America. Absolutely no dogs are allowed. If you need a stall, you must reserve that also. The riding there is wonderful. The trails are well marked with #'s now and maps are available online.

Shangri-la State Park Camping – Apr 25-29 Make your reservations through Reserve America.

Hardee Lakes County Park – April 25-29 alternate to Shangri-la. Has water and electric, expanded trails. Please make your own reservations with the park directly 863-767-1100.

Doe Lake Camping – May 23-28 We will be taking reservations beginning in March for the end of the season trip. There are beautiful new trails available to ride south of the lake, don't be discouraged by the rumors you may have heard regarding trails. The dining hall has been restored and all is well. We are really looking forward to another fun-filled lake side campout! Plan now to join us!

Can't Attend Club Meetings? Check us out online for live meetings!

The January meeting was available live and we had 1 member join in and interact with the meeting. This is a great opportunity to be part of club planning and stay up to date on events. The intention is to make club planning available to all our members, not just those that live near by who can attend the monthly meetings.

To join, please go to this link: <https://esquiresolutions.zoom.us/j/7121289484> Meetings start between 7 and 7:15 pm

If you have any difficulty connecting, contact Sue B. at 813-846-7269.

Happy Birthday Wishes

The Club sends Happy Birthday Wishes to all members who have a January Birthday.

 **Sale Pen** 

Send an e-mail to triplebrider@yahoo.com for info on posting an item for sale or to buy.

MR. D's MOBILE RV SERVICE – Licensed, insured, certified R.V. Technician serving Lakeland and surrounding areas. Chris Schulz, Owner/Operator. 813-373-8137

DUFFY'S PORTABLE WELDING - Horse Trailer and Buggy Repair and fabrication. 863-581-5884. Good quality work at reasonable prices!



Visit Our Facebook page "Triple B Friends and Forum"

Our Forum on Facebook is a public group so you can search for the group and join if you like. Because it is a Forum...everyone can start a post or reply to a post. We will also list upcoming events there and post photos.

Or, go to our website to get a membership application or trail map, download Doe Lake reservation form, or get our List of rides...please visit it and give us your feedback. Go to www.triplebriders.club Also, the more people we can get to visit this website will give us a higher ranking when people search for trail riding clubs...so keep checking it daily!! ... ENJOY !!

Triple B Club Shirts and Things

If you already have a Triple B t-shirt and you would like a different style you can purchase your own shirt and have the logo screen printed with the club logo at "Sew Perfect Promotions & Printing" in Brandon. Screen prints are \$6. They can get Columbia shirts in different sizes and colors and add our logo. If you want it embroidered on – they can do that too. The price is dependent on the size. We are hoping to get tote bags with our logo too. If ou have suggestions for items you would like to have with the club logo, let us know and maybe we can get that for you.

Upcoming Events for Triple B

Please remember to RSVP to TRIPLEBRIDER@YAHOO.COM we don't want to cancel rides and campouts.

Trail & Events Schedule for 2018-2019

If you would like to be on the Trail Committee please contact Debbie Alonso, Trail Committee Chair at triplebrider@yahoo.com. Debbie asks everyone to **RSVP via e-mail or call 813-477-3558** by the **Wed prior to the event** so we can plan for participation, distribute gate codes or send notifications if there is a change in plans.

Children under 16 are required to wear helmets by FL law. Guests need to sign a Hold Harmless before the ride. Dogs are not allowed on the trail. Leave them in camp and keep them on a 6' leash. Clean up after your dog as well as your horse. These are group rides so we need to follow the designated trail boss and to use good trail etiquette for the fun and safety of all riders.

RIDE OUT TIME IS 9:30 a.m. for each ride unless otherwise stated.

- **Feb 9: Colt Creek Family Fun Ride (not a club event).** Hosted by Florida Sport Horse Club RSVPs to park (863-815-6761) required! Some FSHC members will be volunteering, with others riding. Let them know if you want to volunteer. Please be mounted & ready to ride at 9:30. Regular park fees apply (\$3 single, \$4 truckload). The campground still has room so call and make your reservation now if you want to ride and camp.
 - **Feb 15-18: 2nd Annual Carlton Reserve Windy Sawgrass Cow Camp Pack Trip** - must RSVP to go, Bev Eckhardt 813-340-8690, or Carol Sutcliffe sutcliffewell@verizon.net, or Sue Vaisey 813-394-8210
 - **Feb 23: Washburn** – SWFWMD property on Morris Bridge Rd. RSVP for gate code and directions. 5 miles from I-75 and Fletcher exit.
 - **Mar 7-11: River Rise Preserve / Olena SP Day Ride Sat. 3/8.** - \$5/night, 20 stalls avail., primitive, restrooms.
 - **Mar 15-17: Hampton Tract Campout** Fri-Mon. Day ride 3/16 Need to RSVP for combo.
 - **March 29-31 Tillis Hill Campground** Withlacochee State Forest, bring lunch or campout. Day ride 3/30/18.
 - **April 4-8: Lower Wikiva River SP (Fectel)** \$5/person, horse water, restroom and shower.
 - **Apr 12-14 Lake Louisa SP** Fri-Sun, Claremont campout. Reserve at park directly. Day ride Sat. 4/13.
 - **Apr 25-29 Shangri-la or Hardee Lakes. Day Sat. ride 4/27** Reserve with park if camping
 - **May 11 Colt Creek Annual Mother's Day Ride & Campout** – Day Ride & club sponsored lunch on 5/11
 - **May 23-28 Doe Lake Memorial Day Campout - Thurs -Tues** New trails south of the lake.
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 Membership Application 2018

New Renew

This form must accompany your cash or check and you must sign the Hold Harmless Release from on the back of this document to activate your Club membership activity. New members who join after April 1st will have their membership carry over to the following year. (All other memberships expire on June 30th of the application year). In order to avoid a late charge of \$5, you must pay your renewal membership dues by **JUNE 30th** of the following year per club by- laws. Should you have any questions about your membership, please contact an Officer.

Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____
Address: _____ **City/State/Zip:** _____
Phone: () _____ **Cell:** () _____
Email Address: _____ **Number of Horses owned:** _____

Birthdate Month/Day _____

Would you like to have your name, Phone and e-mail published on our Club's membership roster to share with fellow Triple B members? Yes _____ No _____

Please select one of the following membership options and check the appropriate box.

- SINGLE MEMBERSHIP** with e-mail newsletter \$20
- SINGLE MEMBERSHIP** with US mail **paper newsletter** \$25
- FAMILY MEMBERSHIP*** with e-mail newsletter \$40
- FAMILY MEMBERSHIP*** with US mail **paper newsletter** \$45

* Family membership covers 2 adults and children under 18 years of age on June 1st living in the same household as the adults.

Family Member Names and Birthday Month/Day: _____, _____, _____,
 _____, _____, _____,

Horse & Pony Subscription may be purchased for \$10.00 per year for members:

Membership \$ _____ + Horse & Pony \$ _____ = Total \$ _____ (Check No. _____)



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Hold Harmless Release Form**

Member Guest

WARNING

Under Florida law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

Title XLV Chapter 773, Florida Statutes

Name: (Please print) _____ Signature: _____

Name: (Please print) _____ Signature: _____

List all children under 18:

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Children under 18: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: () _____

Members & Guest, please fill out the following additional information:

Address: _____ Apt: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: () _____ Cell: () _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: () _____

Enclose this signed Hold Harmless Release Form with your application

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Triple B Riding Club... Leading the way for future generations on Florida trails!

Triple B Riding Club's first recorded meeting was November 7, 1964. Prior to this date, informal meetings and trail rides were held in the geographical areas of Boyette, Balm, and Bell Shoals. Hence the name Triple "B" Riding Club.

Membership consisted of 15 members who gathered to mark trails for horseback riding with family friends. Today Triple B has a large dedicated membership that reaches to every corner of our state and beyond.

Today Triple B works with state, county, and federal water management stewards, helping to propose, mark, and maintain equine trails for future use. Without volunteer teams, trails in Florida would not be what they are today. As a member of Triple B, you can take pride in saying you are a part of the Oldest and the Best Riding Club in the State of Florida.

Contact us at our email triplebrider@yahoo.com



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