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Next Meeting Is Monday, April 1, 2019

Please Note: Due to the Strawberry Festival, our "March" meeting was held on February 25th! 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, around 6pm, for dinner and socializing. Please remember to pay for your meal when you arrive, to help closing effort.

Triple B has Moved

The Triple B Post Office Box location was harder and harder to get to due to the population boom in Brandon, so we have changed locations. The new address is P.O. Box 1204, Lithia, Florida, 33547. Please use this address for any future correspondence with the club.

Doe Lake Campout is coming soon! We are taking reservations now for our end of the season fundraiser campout. There are beautiful new trails available to ride south of the lake and some old ones are becoming passable. We will have guided rides daily for those less adventuresome. Old Crow will be catering our Saturday night dinner for \$15/plate which includes iced tea, salad, rolls, chicken and ribs, and dessert. A Poker Ride will be held on Saturday morning, so take your chances on winning the kitty! We have attached a reservation form to this newsletter for your convenience. Please note that early-bird reservations will net you a \$10 refund upon check-in. This is such a great outing and open to both members and non-members, so invite your friends to come ride with us or just to camp.

Elections for Club Officers and Board Members

It will soon be time for elections in June. Call Sue at 813-394-8210 if you would like to know more about the responsibilities for any position: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Director. Candidates

must be members in good standing, be a member active in the Club meetings for a minimum of six (6) months and should have documented attendance to at least three club events during the past membership year. Contact Maureen George (backacre@tampabay.rr.com) if you would like to run for any position or want to nominate someone.

Trail Changes!

This has been the year for changing the trail schedule! We have had a fair amount of rain this winter which has and is still causing us to move our schedule around. That and some other unplanned events have us stepping and fetching to go where the members want to go! We are supporting Colt Creek almost monthly and making it to places like River Rise and Fectel which we haven't visited in years as a club. It pays to keep in touch so that you don't miss out.

Shangri-La in October! Save the dates October 16-20, 2019

We are going to do it again with some changes to the agenda and to the pricing. The details will be worked out later, but the club has reserved the whole campground again, so plan on coming for some of the best riding in Florida.

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

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.

Sale Pen

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

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The 10 Commandments of Trail Riding from AQHA April 2018

Follow these rules for a more enjoyable time while trail riding.

Most of us enjoy a good trail ride, and it's even more fun when the group is all on the same page regarding trail riding etiquette.

1. Thou shalt not kill the spirit of the ride.
 2. Thou shalt not litter.
 3. Thou shalt not steal around another horse and rider upon the trail. Ask permission, then pass at a moderate pace.
 4. Blessed are the hikers and bikers, though they fear horse manure, for they will be allies in trail legislation.
 5. Thou shalt not have false expectations of the trail: Expect flies, expect mud, expect obstacles along the way and prepare accordingly. (And don't complain about acts of you-know-who.)
 6. Thou shalt hold the health and safety of your horse and others above all personal desire for fun, adventure or being first back to the trailer.
 7. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's truck and trailer, nor park your horse where he might ding them.
 8. 'Tis better to tie a single red ribbon in your horse's tail than to curse the person who rides into the kick zone.
 9. Thou shalt not assume that other riders need or want your assistance or advice.
 10. Honor thy horse's natural instincts above your own, forsaking gimmickry and false training.
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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 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.

MARCH

- **Mar 15-17: Colt Creek *Wear Green* Campout** Fri-Mon. Day ride 3/16 Need to call Park for reservations.
- **Mar 29-31: Tillis Hills Camping Trip** You must make your own reservations through Reserve America for your campsite and for your stall if you want one. Horses can be tied out behind the trail circling the campground. They cannot be in your campsite. Absolutely no dogs are allowed. The riding there is wonderful. The trails are well marked with #'s now and maps are available online.

APRIL

- **POSTPONED - Apr 4-8: Lower Wekiva River SP (Fechtel Track)** to April 18-22
- **Apr 4-8 Colt Creek Campout:** \$5/person/day, horse water, porta-potty. When calling the park for reservations, please let them know you are with the Wedding Party /Triple B Club. 863-815-6761
- **Apr 6: Wedding of Gene Naasko and Francine Alvarez @ 2pm at Colt Creek State Park** – All club members are invited to attend and celebrate with the happy couple! RSVP to alvareznpr@aol.com or 727-808-5489 \$4/vehicle entrance fee.
- **Apr 12-14: Lake Louisa State Park** Fri-Sun, Claremont campout. Primitive, potable water, some covered horse pens available with reservation. Reserve at park directly. 352-394-3969 Day ride Sat. 4/13.
- **Apr 13: Little Manatee River State Park– (Not a club event) Cowboy Cookout** – There will be a ride with dinner following and camping will be available.
- **Apr 18-22: Fechtel (Lower Wekiva); \$5/person/night** Call park for reservations 407-553-4383 primitive, stalls and corrals FCFS, restroom and shower. (Check w/park on which entrance to use.)
- **Apr 25-29: Shangri-la State Park Camping** Day ride 4-27; Make your reservations through Reserve America.
- **Apr 25-29: Hardee Lakes County Park** –alternate to Shangri-la. Has water and electric, expanded trails. Please make your own reservations with the park directly 863-767-1100.

MAY

- **May 1** – Post mark early registration for **\$10 discount** on Doe Lake. See attached form.
 - **May 11: Colt Creek Annual Mother's Day Ride & Campout** – Day Ride & club sponsored lunch on 5/11
 - **May 23-28: Doe Lake Camping** –We are taking reservations now. There are beautiful new trails available to ride south of the lake. The dining hall has been restored and all is well. We are really looking forward to another fun-filled, lakeside campout! This trip is open to members and non-members, with early bird pricing, also. Put it on your calendar now! You will find a reservations form attached to this newsletter.
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