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**Next Meeting Is Monday, May 6, 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, around 6pm, for dinner and socializing. Please remember to pay for your meal when you arrive, to help closing effort.

***Note: Triple B has Moved, PO Box 1204, Lithia, FL 33547***

## ***Memorial Day Fun May 23-28<sup>th</sup>: DOE LAKE***

Reservations are coming in! Get yours in before May 1<sup>st</sup> and get \$10 back at the campground! This is one of our fundraisers during the year and ensures the following year is well funded to manage our activities. For those that have never been to Doe Lake, you should try to come. You won't be sorry. We rent the whole site, which has primitive camping for about 60 rigs, a great bath house, a vintage dining hall where we have Saturday night BBQ, and beach front camping. There are high ties for the horses, but hot wire, pens and ground stakes are all acceptable horse containment systems. There are water spigots throughout the camping area to hook up to, just bring a splitter to share the faucet with your neighbor. Generators are allowed from 6 am to 10 pm and we have a designated 24/7 **quiet** generator zone. It is to the right as you drive in the campground – from the road to the lake and from the trash dumpsters back to the tree line. All the rest of the campground shuts off generators at 10 pm.

There are beautiful new trails available to ride south of the lake and some old ones are becoming passable. Sunny Hill Restoration is open and for the adventurous, you can ride to a restaurant, The Dam Diner, for breakfast or lunch before riding back. We will have trail maps with some of the trails for you to explore on your own or we will have guided rides daily, with Nancy Alford as Trail Boss, for those less adventuresome.

When the day is done, its not! Take your horse in the lake to refresh yourself and him. There are 2 access points in the campground where the beach is firm, and you can ride out into the lake. Put your suit on and go bareback for a swim.

For the non-riders in the group, there is a boat launch across the lake for small motorized boats or cast your fishing line in from shore and test your fishing skills. Canoes and kayaks can paddle around the lake in the mornings and catch the mist before it lifts.

Saturday morning is a poker ride, in the afternoon there will be a tack sale in front of the dining hall, and at 6 pm we have the big BBQ dinner in the dining hall. Bring a table and set up your gently used tack and anything else you want to sell. Table space is free. Later at 6 ish is the BBQ. It is optional and Old Crow will be catering the dinner for \$15/plate, which includes iced tea, salad, rolls, chicken and ribs, and dessert. It's catered so reservations are mandatory. We have door prizes and drawings after dinner, and it is a lot of F.U.N.! At the end of the newsletter is the registration form and hold harmless form for non-members to complete. Don't miss it -- bring your family and friends!

### ***Charitable Donations***

Triple B runs 2 -3 fundraisers every year. These monies are used to do things like subsidize the annual banquet, pay for participating in parades, buy Mother's Day lunches plus all our operating expenses such as group insurance, Staples bills, and maintaining our Florida non-profit business license. We also try to have enough to make charitable donations to horse rescues or therapeutic riding organizations. This year, through the efforts of May Lou Waugh and Sharon Hewitt we identified two horse rescues that members voted to support – Hope Equine Rescue and RVR Horse Rescue. We will be donating \$500 to each. These rescues really need public support to offer the rehabilitation services and rehoming of destitute equines. Please do what you can to support your rescue of choice by volunteering or donating what you can, they all need us.

### ***Elections for Club Officers and Board Members***

Ballots are going out with the May newsletter. If you want to become more involved and support Triple B by serving on the board, please contact Maureen George. She is the Election Committee Chairperson. Call Sue or any member of the board to find out more about the positions. There contact info is on the front page of the newsletter. 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](mailto:backacre@tampabay.rr.com)) if you would like to run for any position or to nominate someone.

### ***Club Membership***

As always, membership applications are available on the website, [www.TripleBRiders.club](http://www.TripleBRiders.club), but Sue Vaisey has also made copies available at meetings, if you would like to pick a couple up. They're great to have on hand to invite old and new friends to join us on the trails.

### ***Congratulations!***

To our newlyweds, Gene and Francine Naasko, on their gorgeous wedding celebration at Colt Creek on April 6. It was a lovely day surrounded by family, friends, and of course, beautiful horses. Best wishes for many years of happiness from Triple B!

### ***Fechtel Ride***

All, please RSVP if you are going. We are trying to organize a group dinner and need to know who is going. RSVP directly to Deb Alonso, 813-477-3558. Call park for reservations 407-553-4383 primitive, stalls and corrals FCFS, restroom and shower. (Check w/park on which entrance to use).

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## ***Alafia River State Park***

This is a very popular park with club members and other Florida equestrians. Equestrians were well represented at the last planning meeting where their 10 Year Plan was being discussed. They are planning to install a 30-site RV campground and 6 rental cabins in part of the horseback riding area and possibly closing the parking in the day use area, re-routing everyone through the front gate. This will cause traffic concerns and safety issues. The public comment period has passed, but you can still email [tylor.maldonado@floridadep.gov](mailto:tylor.maldonado@floridadep.gov) or [eric.draper@floridadep.gov](mailto:eric.draper@floridadep.gov) with your concerns.

## ***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. Once we get past Doe Lake in May, we will start the plans for **Shangri-La**. The club has reserved the whole campground again, so plan on coming for some of the best riding in Florida with the best group of people.

## ***A note about safety...***

We recently learned of a camper's accidental death due to carbon monoxide poisoning and it made us all think of what we can do better. Some tips:

- crack a window if you are running a gas heater in your camper
- install a carbon monoxide detector in your LQ
- tell people where you are going and when you will be back
- check in at all campgrounds, don't slip in, be on the record
- display a data sheet\* inside a camper door that lists your vet, and emergency contacts
- bring a GPS with you on the trail even if you don't use it, it still can give you your location in case of an accident
- carry some means of communication and water.

\*US Rider has an info sheet on their website you can download and print.

<http://images.equinetwork.com/usrider/USRider-Emergency-Responser.pdf>

## ***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.

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## Sale Pen

Send an e-mail to [triplebrider@yahoo.com](mailto:triplebrider@yahoo.com) for info on free posting for an item for sale or to buy.

2010 F150 Lariat with factory tow package, B&W Gooseneck hitch, \$9,500. Judy Pass 954-818-3005

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## Upcoming Events for Triple B

Please remember to RSVP to [TRIPLEBRIDER@YAHOO.COM](mailto: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](mailto: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.**

#### APRIL

- **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** – Postmark early registration for **\$10 discount** on Doe Lake. See attached form.
  - **May 11: Colt Creek Annual Mother's Day Ride & Campout** – Day Ride & club catering meat, please bring a side dish or dessert to pass. Lunch served at 1pm on 5/11
  - **May 15:** Absolute last day to send in money for Doe Lake BBQ.
  - **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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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](mailto:triplebrider@yahoo.com)

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# DOE LAKE RESERVATIONS Fundraiser for Triple B

**If you are planning to attend Doe Lake Memorial Day Campout May 22 -28, 2019 you must R.S.V.P. with your check being sent to P.O. BOX 1204, LITHIA, FL 33547 post marked no later than May 1, 2019 for the \$10 early registration discount. No Refunds**

**We welcome members and non-members to come enjoy beautiful Doe Lake and all the trails with us!**

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s)/non-member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people in your party: \_\_\_\_\_

**One site per rig.**

Number of camp sites: _____	X \$70 Member	(arrive Wed - Tues)	_____
_____	X \$60 Member	(arrive Fri- Tues)	_____
_____	X \$80 <b>Non-Member</b>	(arrive Wed - Tues)	_____
_____	X \$70 <b>Non-Member</b>	(arrive Fri- Tues)	_____

No. attending Saturday catered BBQ: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15.00 (per person) \_\_\_\_\_

Day Riders\*: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$5 each \_\_\_\_\_

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**Total Due =** \_\_\_\_\_

**\$10 REFUND PAID AT CAMP IF POSTMARKED BY MAY 1, 2019**

Include a check payment with reservation. Checks should be made payable to Triple B Riding Club and send to Triple B Riding Club **P.O. Box 1204, Lithia, FL. 33547.**

**Wednesday CHECK IN AFTER 9 a.m. to Tuesday CHECK OUT BY 11 a.m. sharp! Park rules: No late departures.**

The RSVP and check will assure those that registered a priority in having a site. If the camp is full, walk-ins can't be accommodated. This also alleviates the need for club officers and board members to collect money during the campout.

Note: Those who do not RSVP may not have a site when they arrive, as the number of camp sites is limited to 60 and this is an open event.

Check in at the Officer's camp is required and you will receive your \$10 refund (if applicable), a ribbon for your vehicle, and dinner tickets (if ordered in advance). Camping fees must be paid at the time of arrival for those without reservations.

**Please bring Negative Coggins with you. Late dinner reservations cannot be accepted.**

**\*ALL** Day Riders can now pay ahead so you don't have to look for an officer to pay your \$10 fee when you get there. **Paying these fees applies to all riders (member and non-members)** and is important to fairly defray the cost of our reservations. Not paying camping or day riding fees will block you from attending future Doe Lake and Triple B events.

Date of Arrival: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Departure: \_\_\_\_\_

