



## **Doe Lake Campout**

*(as reported by Sharon Hewitt)*

First, we want to thank all you who attended the Doe Lake campout and the meeting. The campout at Doe Lake was a great success. The weather was typical August; hot - but we were spared the rains that the rest of the state was having from the current storms. The Saturday night covered dish dinner was delicious and yummy. There was a variety of foods to choose from, making it almost impossible to sample a little of everything without overloading your plate. The barbequed chicken from Old Crowe was cooked to perfection and made a great addition to all of the wonderful dishes that the members brought to the table.

Club members rode over to the Sharp family's home (Martha Sharp – aka The Blueberry Lady) and offered our condolences to her husband, Bill and the family for the passing of Martha. Bill told us that they had received over 40 cards from various Clubs and riders and that they were much appreciated.

Each day brought a number of choices for the morning rides, some starting early and some starting later. Sightings of bear and deer were reported from the riders along with the usual pesky deer flies plaguing the horses and riders. Afternoons were spent cooling off around camp or in the lake with the horses cooling off with their owners. Evenings brought opportunities for camaraderie among the campers, sharing dinners and visiting. The days went by fast but it appeared that everyone had a good time and was sad to see the time go by and the campout was over. Good byes were said, hugs, handshakes and promises to keep in touch or to meet again at one of the upcoming events.

## **Newsletter Corrections:**

There were some corrections that were made to the August Newsletter:

- Doe Lake camping fees for 2008 are 20.00, starting in 2009 the fees for Doe Lake will be 25.00.
- Lynn Palm will have a demonstrator demo, Son of Rugged Lark and Rugged Painted Lark.

## **Old Business:**

Treasury Report is current and at \$2450.84

The Bus Tour is coming up on 09/27; if any member would like to attend, this is going to be a great event with three exciting stops. First on the tour is Lynn Palm, second will be the Gypsy Vanner farm in Ocala and last Continental Acres Cart Horses. The first pick up for the tour is at the Riverview Civic Center at 7:30 sharp, the bus **WILL NOT** wait for you. Please plan accordingly. The second pickup is in Brooksville



at the Best Western off I75 and Hwy 50 at 8:30 am. If you need directions for this pick-up please contact Cathy Moore. Again, please be on time, the bus **WILL NOT** wait.

Please contact Cathy Moore for your RSVP; pricing is \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members. Checks must be postmarked by **09/14**, to the Triple B PO Box. This event is a **non refundable** tour, please understand once you have RSVP'd and submitted your payment you **CANNOT** get a refund. The bus has to be reserved two weeks in advance. Cathy Moore's phone number is 813 677-9291.

Moving on, we have the Refrigerator Committee Report, there have been "three (3)" Refrigerators donated to Doe Lake!!!!

### **New Business:**

- Jim Watkins rescinded the motion for purchasing a new refrigerator for Doe Lake, it is not necessary at this time. Gene Nasko seconded the motion.
- Vicki Lawry made a motion for the club to give Marylou Sapp \$50.00 for picking up the chicken for the club 4 to 5 times from Old Crow and also for picking up a refrigerator from Tampa, and delivering it to Jim Watkins in Lakeland. Gene Nasko seconded the motion.
- A special thank you to Jim Watkins for bringing the refrigerator to Doe Lake, along with other acts of kindness he has contributed to the Club.
- Jim Watkins made a motion to mandate that newsletters be sent out by regular mail. He stated that he thought that the loss of membership was due to members not receiving their newsletters and that the newsletters are the lifeline for the club's existence. Richard Jones seconded the motion. 1 vote for No was Sharon Hewitt, vote passes.
- Mary Lou Sapp pointed out that the manner of distribution for the newsletters is addressed in the Club By-laws. Rick Boyette read aloud our by-laws and it states that newsletters to be mailed monthly thereby making Jim Watkins motion null and void. All newsletters will be mailed out using USPS until further notice in compliance with the by-laws.
- Sharon Hewitt asked for a 10 - 14 day mail-out timeline from meeting dates for mailing out the newsletters. The attending members voted in favor.
- Jim Watkins and Richard Jones will attend our Friends of Doe Lake Meeting in September. The committee will bring a report back on October.
- Gene Nasko ask the club to support a clean up day for trails at Doe Lake, Rick Boyette will coordinate a work tentative date for November.

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- Little Manatee River State Park will need volunteer's to help clean up in preparation for the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Mystery Map Ride. Call Cathy Moore at 813 677-9291.
- Alafia River State Park will have a meeting on 09/09/08 to discuss plans for an Equestrian barn. Tie-outs are to remain on site. Jim Watkins is planning to give a quote for the barn. Jim will represent Triple B at this meeting. *(note from our Vice President – Rachel Allen: Sharon Flack of the Central Florida Buggy Club has extended an invitation for our club and others to attend a meeting at Alafia River State Park. Plans for the upcoming Equestrian Barn will be discussed. The meeting will take place on Tuesday Sept 9th at 4:30 PM. This is a reschedule since Hurricane Fay interfered with the original date of Aug 19th! The plans are for a 12 stall pole barn structure. The stalls themselves will be completed later as funding and labor allows. Attached is a copy of the letter Sharon sent Bob Ballard regarding the barn project. Sharon has worked very hard towards this goal and we appreciated her efforts! Jim Watkins will attend to represent Triple B's support. )*
- John Sparks (Division of Forestry) would like to thank all members of Triple B for all their hard work that club members put toward the cleaning and maintenance of Doe Lake.

### **Editors Notes:**

- Next on the list is the Triple B newsletter; any member who does not receive their newsletter via Email or USPS Mail within 2 ½ weeks after a meeting they need to let me (Christina Loder) know. Unless I am aware of the situation I will not know to investigate the problem and resolve it to ensure that you are receiving your newsletters in a timely manner. My cell number is 813-714-2103 and it is also on the Website. Please contact me with any concerns you may have regarding your newsletter. Many of you already use the [triplebridgingclub@yahoo.com](mailto:triplebridgingclub@yahoo.com) email. Thank you to all of you who have responded to me via email. I enjoy hearing from every member.
- Currently there is an email which was sent out for a second survey, asking for members opinions regarding their newsletters. If you need to, you can mail your answers to the PO Box if you do not have access to the internet. I sent the first survey out at the beginning of the year and received an overwhelming response. The responses of members (anonymously) will be presented at the next meeting; no names will be given out just what the response.
- MaryLou Sapp would like to thank everyone for the Get Well Cards that she received.

### **Nominations:**

It is now time for members to nominate people to fill the open Officer and Board positions. Nominate someone or even yourself if you feel strongly about the importance of the leadership of the Club. Being an officer or on the Board will give you or someone else an opportunity to develop their leadership and communication skills. The work is not

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hard but you must have the ability to work on a dynamic, vocal team that has the direction of the Triple B Riding Club in their best interest. This person needs to be in good standing with the club and also able to attend meetings, which are held at the Riverview Civic Center in Riverview and occasionally at Doe Lake.

Nomination ballots will be in your October Newsletter, and need to be postmarked by October 31, 2008. Please mail to the Triple B PO Box.

Rick Boyette appointed Jim Watkins and Mary Lou Sapp to the Nomination Committee.

Any member interested in serving or who has someone to nominate please call Jim at 863 559-6219 or Mary Lou at 813 359-7049.

Positions Are:

- President (currently Rick Boyette)
- Vice President (currently Rachel Allen)
- Secretary (currently Christina Loder)
- Treasurer (currently Rosemary Meredith)
- 1yr open Board of Directors position

Voting ballots must be mailed to the Club PO Box (no emails or duplication of the original ballot will be accepted) by Nov 30, 2008

### Upcoming Rides and Events:

09/14 -Dover Trails - Vicki Lawry will host a ride. 8am ride out time. Brown bag lunch. Please call Vicki at 8136515953 for directions and RSVP.

10/06 –Triple B Riding Club monthly meeting at the Riverview Civic Center 7:00 p.m. – everyone is welcome to attend. If you need directions call a Club officer.

10/11 -Alafia River State Park Day Ride, North end Parking - Bring covered Dish, \$6.00 entrance fee (cash to be placed in box at gate) for each horse/rider. We need a volunteer to cook meat either at the park (bring your own grill) or at home and then bring it to the park.