



Geauga County Chapter of The Ohio Horseman's Council

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President's Letter

Happy March!

The club is gearing up for the riding season. We have an event planned for each month and will be adding more as we confirm locations and dates. We have rides, obstacle courses and a pot luck planned. We're working on getting the flea market back on the schedule. If you haven't joined us for an event in the past, I encourage you to give it a try. We have a great time.

We've included the committee list in the newsletter. Specifically, we need you to help with the annual banquet in April, Schneider's Sale in July, help set up the fair booth in Sept, and coordinating the regional ride in Sept. Please consider volunteering for one of these events.

Thank you to Rayneen Tisovic for taking on writing the Geauga chapter's article for the Corral Magazine. We know she'll do a great job.

If you haven't yet renewed your membership for 2026, please take a moment to do so. If you have a friend that isn't in the club, ask them to join with you!

Thanks,
Donna



At the NEO Regional meeting February 21, OHC State president Mary Alice Kuhn gave the welcome address after Penny took the County roll call. After lunch, Penny asked chapters to share topics and/or projects they're pursuing in their counties. It was an informative and fun meeting.

Pictured: Donna Kennedy, Penny Passalaqua and Linda Golding.

2026 Events

- 3/14/2026 State Meeting - Norwalk - general membership welcome
- 3/21/2026 North Chagrin ride 11AM
- 4/18/2026 Annual banquet
- 5/30/2026 Nora Stanton Memorial Ride 11AM
- 6/7/2026 WinSeek obstacle course
- 6/27/2026 Headwaters 10AM
- 7/11/2026 Flea Market - Date/Time
- 9/1/2026 Fair booth set up
- 9/19/2026 Creekside obstacles (tentative)
- 9/20/26 Regional ride and pot luck 10AM
- 10/24/2026 Halloween ride-Swine Creek 11AM
- 11/7/2026 Girdled Road 11AM
- 11/10/2026 Officer elections



2026 GOHC Committees			1
Committee	Description	Current Contact	2026 Volunteers
Planning Year Round	Planning activities/events- main event is the late winter/early spring meeting which is intended to schedule the majority of the events for the year	Lead:	CATHY VELLA
Goodie Baskets	Assemble baskets of goodies to thank the Geauga Park District employees. Typically in the spring.	Lead: DONNA	CATHY VELLA, BARB JURGENS, CECELIA HANISH (Cec will deliver to Swine Creek)
Nora Stanton Memorial Ride	Kick off the riding season. Lunch afterwards to award prior year trail miles	Lead: LINDA GOLDING	CINDY ORBEN
Flea Market	Host Flea Market; help with communications; collect fees, answer questions from perspective vendors; distribute flyers Day of event- help register vendors and direct traffic	Lead:	We're not yet sure if this will be taking place. TBD
Schneider Sale July	Event at Schneider Saddlery -Used Tack Sale -Reserve space for event-Collect items for sale from members-Schedule Volunteers to help with set up, selling, tear down	Lead:	
Fair Booth	GOHC booth at the GREAT Geauga Fair. Help with the following: theme, creating new material, set up and/or tear down	Lead:	ROSEMARY & KEN MORGAN, CATHY VELLA
Regional Ride	Regional ride duties: planning and coordinating food, regional ride t-shirt and any other ideas that we have to make this a fun day. Typically in the fall at The West Woods	Lead:	BARB JURGENS
Annual Banquet	Plan and Organize Annual Banquet	Lead:	CINDY ORBEN (can help the day of the banquet)

FROM THE TRAIL DESK

Linda

INDIVIDUAL TRAIL MILE AND SADDLE HOUR DETAIL			
NAME	Cumulative	2025	SADDLE
AROTIN, BRANDY	1750	285	
AROTIN, ROBERT	1562	272	
BEARER, EVELYNN	122	122	34
BEARER, MICHELLE	1518	562	120
BEARER, NOAH	24	24	30
BURKE, MARTY	110	110	10
CRAIG, DEE	4596	58	
CVERNA, FRAN			5
DONICH, DAWN	3048	648	
DROCKTON, DOTTIE	11530	91	
FAZIO, CHERYL	3830	234	18
FREDRICKSON, JULIE	801	18	1
GOLDING, LINDA	7457	162	16
GRABELSEK, STELLA	5031	203	
HANISH, CECILIA	1408	70	32
HANISH, JOHN	1216	70	17
HAZEN, SHARON	256	256	
HENDERSON, CHRISTINE	560	52	160
KANDA, DEBRA	390	344	4
KENNEDY, DONNA	777	101	4
KRAY, SUSAN	225	65	104
LIFF, BETH	7004	322	
LIMA, TONI	2077	599	
MATTLIN, STEVE	10184	680	
MULHALL, SUE	4939	67	
OLS, LYNN	163	38	
ORBEN, CINDY	1303	320	
PIKTURNA, SANDRA	7867	831	
REEVES, KEVIN	194	194	140
REEVES, MELISSA	194	194	140
ROSSMAN, MICHELLE	5922	626	48
SALO, JENNIFER	3150	142	2
SCHROEDER, APRIL	366	189	30

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NAME	Cumulative	2025	SADDLE
SCHWINDL, MARIE	21	21	
SMEGO, JUDY	259	14	55
SMITH, DIANNE	7594	30	8
SPITZ, JEFF	16515	441	
STEIGER, MINDI	6354	688	
STEIGER, STUART	2618	172	
TONEY, ANN	799	91	9
VANEK, DEREK	11883	596	12
VANEK, RACHEL	11740	596	12
VELLA, CATHY	2117	221	10
WHITE, ADRIANE	153	153	270
WYNNE, CINDY	1649	186	9
ZEHE, LINDA	28324	436	
TOTALS		11594	1300
Number of riders reporting		46	27

Geauga Parks 2025

Beartown Reservation	74
Big Creek Park	291
Headwaters Reservation	105
Holbrook Hollows	283
Observatory Park	535
Swine Creek Reservation	183
The West Woods	3684

TOTAL 5155

Geauga Park District Horse Programs

Registration is required for these Geauga Park District Programs and is available at www.geaugaparkdistrict.org or 440-286-9516

REGISTRATION OPENS March 20 (residents) March 27 (out-of-county):

- Saturday, May 9, The West Woods Horse Ride
- Saturday, June 20, Holbrook to South Chagrin

REGISTRATION OPENS September 20 (residents) September 27 (out-of-county):

- Saturday, August 29, Trail Horse Nature Challenge, Swine Creek Reservation.
- Saturday, September 12, Trail Ride and Buggy Training, Swine Creek Reservation
- Sunday, October 25, Moonlight Ride & Headwaters Horse Ride



Bridle Trail Fund

Please consider donating to the Bridle Trail Fund so we can assist monetarily in the development of more trails. When donating through the online form put “Bridle Trail Fund” in the comments section.

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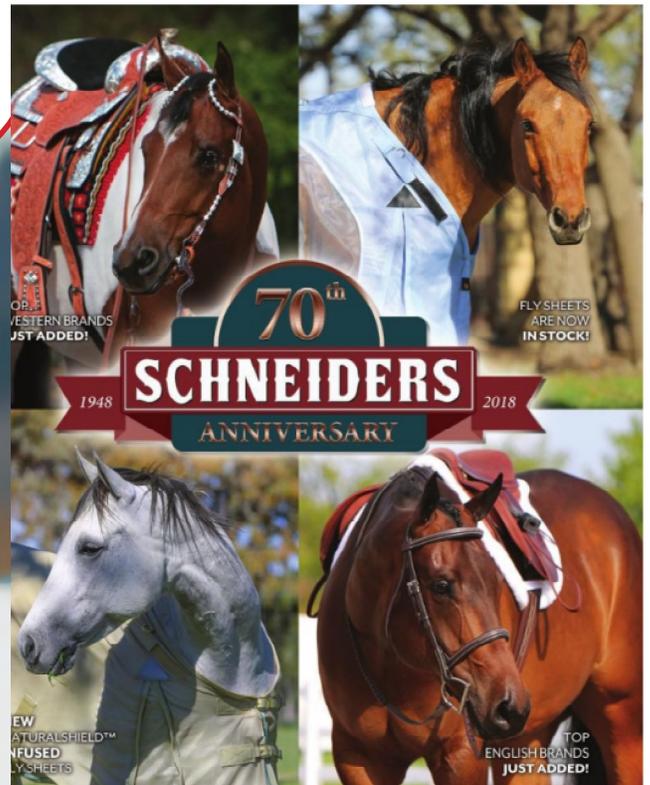
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Geauga Park District was thrilled to earn statewide recognition in the Ohio Park and Recreation Association's Annual Photo Contest, with two submitted photographs selected as winners, including one featuring a pair of equestrians enjoying Observatory Park last fall. The image was captured by volunteer photographer and frequent program participant Tom Malinchak during Naturalist John Kolar's Hidden Gems Hike on October 26.

Both winning photos were printed as large banners and displayed at the OPRA Conference & Trade Show, held February 1-4 in Sandusky. And now they're back home in Geauga County and on display at The West Woods Nature Center, open daily from 10 AM to 4:30 PM.

