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President's Message

Hope everyone is having a nice summer!

I would like to take a moment to recognize Michelle Rossman and Rayneen Tisovic. Michelle creates the GOHC monthly newsletter. She finds subjects to write about, keeps us up to date on upcoming club events and does a wonderful job of setting up and formatting the content. Rayneen writes the Geauga chapter counties article for the Corral. She does a great job writing about things/events that happened during the month and throws in some nice photos. She often attends functions just to gather info and grab a few pics. Thank you to both of them!!!

We have reservations with Creekside Horse Park for Sept. 19th. This should be a lot of fun and a new challenge for you and your horse. Our regional ride/pot luck is scheduled for Sept. 20th at The West Woods. Please check your email for complete information for both these events.

Have a great month.

Donna



GOHC 2026 Events

- 9/1/2026 Fair booth setup
- 9/19/2026 Creekside obstacles - see email for info.
- 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

OHC State Rides

September is State Ride Month. Details for the three planned rides are available on the calendar under "Events" at ohconline.com

- **September 4-7:** Fairfield County Chapter hosting a state ride at Scioto Trails State Forest.
- **September 18-20:** Ashland County Chapter hosting a state ride at Mohican Memorial State Forest.
- **September 25-27:** Northwest Region hosting a state ride at Van Buren State Park (the Jr. Ambassadors are also holding an event). State rides are a great way to ride with others or to commit to ride a location you've never gone to like Scioto, Mohican and Van Buren. All have unique experiences at the ride.

Meeting Minutes

8/18/2026

Meeting started at 6:10

Attendees: Cecilia Hanish, Rosemary Morgan, Donna Kennedy, Doug Kennedy, Sue Lundstrom, Rayneen Tisovic, Cindy Orben, Elizabeth Giedt, Linda Golding, Monica Oliver, Jennifer Salo

New members: Monica and Elisabeth

Membership total is 70

Creekside Obstacle Course- is scheduled for Sept 19, but Sept 20 is Regional Ride which feels like too much for a weekend

Donna has call into Creekside to see if Oct 3 or Oct 10 are available as alternative dates

\$25 per person

Fair Booth- Set up is scheduled Sept 2, 6pm- need to contact Dale Ryan- Salo to do

Rayneen volunteered to bring cut-out

Sue Lundstrom volunteered to bring a banner

Bridle Trail Fund- Michelle Rossman shared with Christine from the Foundation of Geauga Parks hosting a bingo event to benefit the bridle trail fund.

Jennifer and Michelle to contact Derek with the bingo business for more details

Look for locations within GPD, prizes will be cash so we don't have to seek out gifts

Ideal to also have food and beverage

A member suggested asking the park to put up signage in the parking lots to pick up manure

Share with Michelle that this was shared and let her decide if she should approach park about this suggestion

Fund raising idea- horse trivia event with a 50/50; winter event, could just be GOHC or even join efforts with EBTA- tentative plan for January after the holidays

Cec shared that Jamie Davis asked if GOHC is interested in doing the cow sorting with Rich Bradshaw again. Cec will reach out

Melissa Young – demo along with suggestions on how to stretch your horse; Donna to contact her to make arrangements

Idea from Cec for the next year- partner with GHPA which has a lot of youth to have an event of some sort

We now have rails at the Geauga Fairgrounds: Geauga County Chapter, Ohio Horseman's Council, Geaugacountyohc.com

Question from member: if we have a representative for each park within the county- we do not but we have a park liaison who is Michelle Rossman

You can email info@geaugaparkdistrict.org; example Elisabeth shared a picture with them of Big Creek of her friend riding and thanked them for maintaining the trails and they responded quickly.

Rosemary is applying for grant for a mounting block at Girdled Rd park. Cec shared with her all the information needed. Rosemary needs to get it approved by the county yet.

Vote- does GOHC forego a grant (regardless if not allowed bc we had one recently) this year?
All yes

Vote- does GOHC agree with supporting Lake pursuing this and write a letter of support to OHC? All yes

Rayneen volunteered to write letter on behalf of GOHC for GOHC members to sign.

Trail mile position- position will be open for 2027; Linda is stepping down; Need excel, if interested, Linda is willing to meet 1-1 to share information; overall position collects and sends members' trail miles and hours to state

November 10- elections – Mangia Mangia needs to be contacted- Jennifer to contact

Meeting ending 7:33pm

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

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

https://ohioline.osu.edu/sites/ohioline/files/imce/Animal_Sciences/AS-1028-Poisonous-Plants-2025-0819-TV.pdf

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Plants Poisonous or Injurious to Horses

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Poisonous plants rarely cause issues for horses unless there is not enough proper feed/forage. However, some horses may ingest things they should not, particularly young or curious horses (Figure 1). Boredom and deficiency are other reasons horses may ingest poisonous plants. In some cases, such as bracken fern poisoning, horses acquire a taste for a harmful plant and will continue to eat it after sufficient forage is provided.

Unwanted plants are present in many pastures due to the natural weed seed bank and seed moving in from other areas. Many poisonous plants are opportunistic and often fill in any time



Sara L. Mastellar, Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute

Figure 1. Sometimes even well-fed horses will choose browse over grass.

poisoning vary depending on the plant species, toxins, etc.

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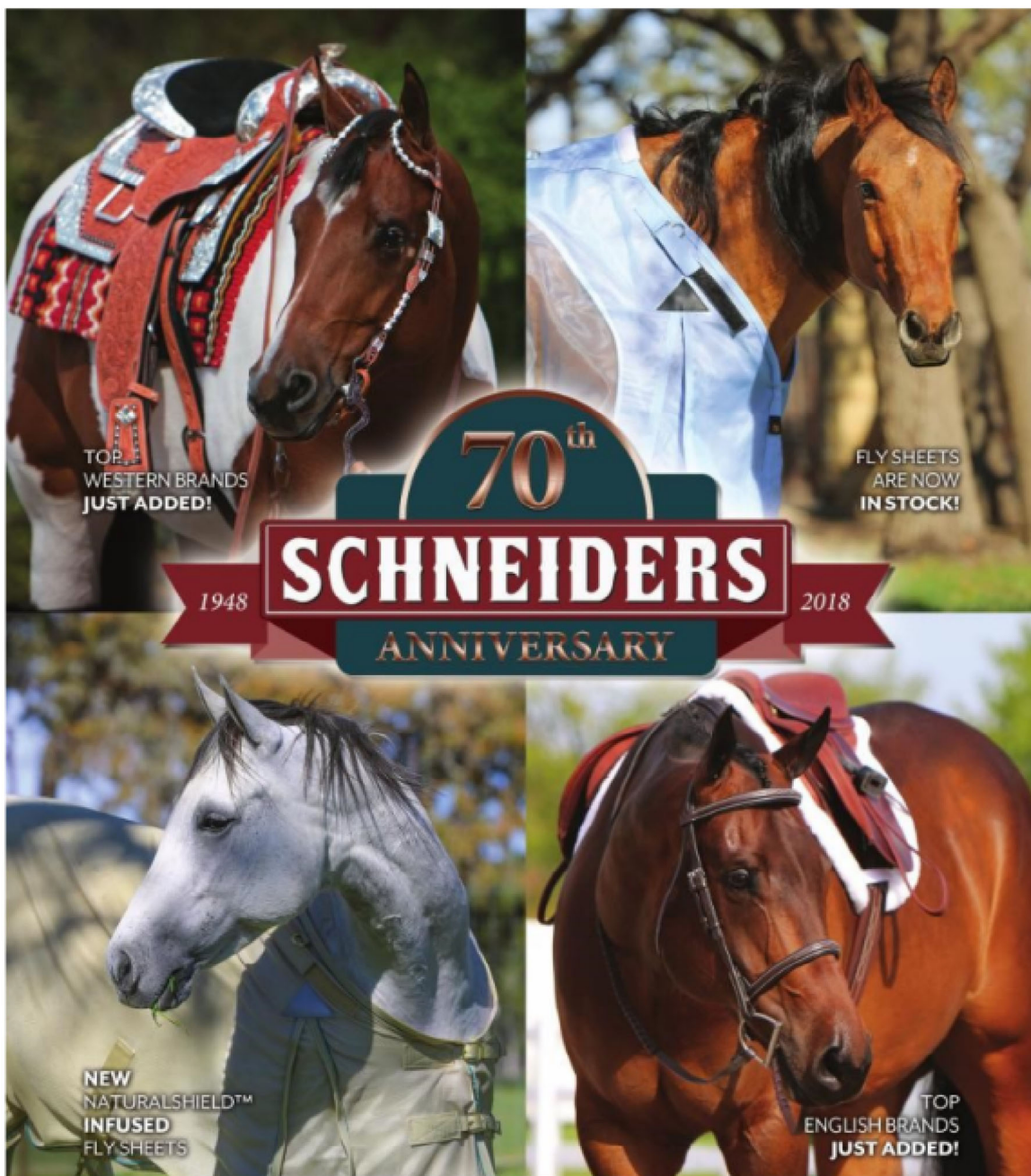


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