



# GFHC Newsletter

## UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK THE DATE			
Sunday, April 22, 2018	Breakfast Meet and Mingle	Carousel Restaurant	<a href="https://www.gfhc.ca/breakfast-meet">https://www.gfhc.ca/breakfast-meet</a>
Sunday, April 29	Trail Maintenance Social	Golden Beach Resort - Roseneath	<a href="https://www.gfhc.ca/trail-maintenance-social">https://www.gfhc.ca/trail-maintenance-social</a>
Sunday, May 6	Early Bird Ride	Central Forest	<a href="https://www.gfhc.ca/early-bird-ride">https://www.gfhc.ca/early-bird-ride</a>
Saturday, May 12	Tack Swap	Sandaraska Park	<a href="https://www.gfhc.ca/tack-swap">https://www.gfhc.ca/tack-swap</a>

2018 Events - <https://www.gfhc.ca/events>

## David Cowley Clinic - Registration Details for 2018 GFHC Members IN THIS NEWSLETTER!



**Breakfast Meet and Mingle**  
**Sunday, April 22, 2018**  
**9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

Our first 2018 event is just around the corner. This is a fun, social event that is always well attended. Come out, bring your better half, friends, or come by yourself. We'll be looking forward to sitting and chatting, feasting on the scrumptious food, and to filling you in on what's planned for 2018.

Still need to renew your annual membership or are you coming to the "Breakfast Meet and Mingle" to join the club? We'll have membership forms ready for you to complete. If it's easier, print one off, <https://www.gfhc.ca/membership-form> fill it in at home and hand it to us at the Meet and Mingle. Don't forget your liability insurance number and company. We look forward to seeing you at The Carousel Restaurant, 116 Lansdowne Street East in Peterborough – 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

## **T**rail Maintenance Social – Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> April (4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.):

A social event to be held at the beautiful Golden Beach Resort

<http://www.goldenbeachresort.com/> , 7100 Northumberland County Rd 18, Roseneath, ON K0K 2X0.

It's worth the drive --- situated on Rice Lake. Time to casually talk about cleaning up our trails in the forest. In the past anyone who came out for trail maintenance had a really nice day AND felt so good about their accomplishments when the trail clearing was all finished. Let's all pitch in --- no matter how small a contribution you make - it is appreciated. Even if you can't make it out on the actual trail clean up day (to be announced later), come out to the 'Trail Maintenance Social' and share your ideas with us. All feedback is welcomed.



## **GANARASKA FOREST HORSE CLUB**

2018 Event Schedule - <https://www.gfhc.ca/2018-event-schedule>

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Sunday, April 22	Meet & Mingle	Carousel Restaurant
Sunday, April 29	Trail Maintenance Social	Golden Beach Resort
Sunday, May 6	Early Bird Ride	Ganaraska Forest Centre
Saturday, May 12	Tack Swap	Sandaraska Park
Sunday, June 3	Poker Ride	Ganaraska Forest Centre
Sat & Sun, July 21-22	David Cowley Clinic	Ridge Vu Farm
Sunday, August 26	Summer Ride (Members Only Ride)	Ganaraska Forest
Saturday, Sept 29	Skills Ride	Cayuse Creek Ranch
Saturday, Oct 27	Fall Colours Ride	Wishing Stone Farm
Saturday Nov 10	Annual Dinner Dance	To be Determined
Sunday, Jan 20, 2019	Annual General Meeting	To be Determined

# GFHC Web Site - Our New Look

The website has been updated with 2018 events (*some details are still in the works and will follow closer to the event date*) and a new look! Many thanks to Olivia (*Olga Chernuck 's daughter*) for her assistance in this project. Tina Grant --- you did a fabulous job. It looks great and is 'user friendly'.

Check it out .... <https://www.gfhc.ca/>

## Frequently Asked Questions

Answers found at <https://www.gfhc.ca/faqs>

Do I need a Forest Pass to participate in a GFHC ride?

Can I join a ride without buying a GFHC membership?

Can I bring my dog to GFHC events?

Can I rent or borrow a horse to participate in GFHC rides?

Do I need to wear a helmet on GFHC rides?

Do I need liability insurance to participate in a GFHC Ride?



## Maple Syrup Day – March 17<sup>th</sup> at the Forest Centre

### A Fun Family Day put on by the Ganaraska Forest Centre

Why not attend a Forest Centre activity? Lots of family fun planned.

Event time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Join in for a celebration of all things maple syrup! Demonstrations, tours, live music, games and stories for the whole family, crafts and face painting for the kids: and of course a pancake feast for everyone!

\$15.00/adult & \$10.00/child (16 and under)

Tickets purchased at the Ganaraks Forest Centre Gatehouse upon arrival.

(905) 797-2721 if you'd like any other info.

## Details on HOW to register for David Cowley Clinic

**“MUST be a Current 2018 GFHC member  
to receive advance registration e-mail notice for this clinic”** <https://www.gfhc.ca/membership-form>

**DATE:**

July 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

**LOCATION:**

RidgeVu Farm (Paul and Donna Melrose)

249 Fourth Line, RR#3

Port Hope ON L1A 3V7

**TIME:**

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**COST:**

\$375 / person / horse for the 2 day clinic (includes lunch both days)



David Cowley - Two-Way  
Trust Horsemanship

**AUDITING FEES – can pre-register or pay day of:**

\$20 / GFHC member/day or \$30 / GFHC member/both days

\$25 / non-member / day or \$40 / non-member/both days

Lunch \$10/person will be available only to auditors who pre-register.

**2018 CURRENT GFHC MEMBERS will have a two (2) week advance opportunity to register before this clinic is open to the general public. Participants: Six (6) minimum and twelve (12) maximum for this clinic.**

**An e-mail to current 2018 members will be sent out on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. notifying you of the registration date. The first 12 registration forms AND 50% deposit received will confirm your spot in the clinic. All details will be noted on the registration form available at <https://www.gfhc.ca/david-cowley-clinic>. If clinic fills up to maximum of 12, we will start a waiting list & contact you if an opening becomes available.**

**DEPOSIT:** e-Transfer [gfhclubtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:gfhclubtreasurer@gmail.com) or Cheque (payable to Ganaraska Forest Horse Club). Deposit of 50% { \$187.50 } is required upon reservation along with completed registration form. Full Payment must be received on or before June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

**TRANSFER-ABILITY POLICY:** Once registered, if you become unavailable to attend the clinic we will do our best to transfer your reservation to a rider on our waiting list. If we do not have a waiting list, you will be able to transfer your spot to another person. If a replacement is found, you will receive a refund less \$20 admin charge; If no replacement is found, SORRY NO REFUNDS.

**OVERNIGHT CAMPING:** Limited spaces. Please come self-sufficient; you must bring your own hay, generator and portable stall. Water and washroom facility will be provided. If you are participating in this clinic and live within a reasonable distance to the Melrose's farm, we'd appreciate it if you could make the trip back and forth each day and leave the limited overnight camping for anybody driving a further distance.



Check out David's website <https://www.twowaytrust.com/> and / or visit Can Am at the Markham Fairgrounds <http://canamequine.com/clinicians/david-cowley/> to see all that this clinician has to offer for you & your horse.





## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tack Swap

*Rain or Shine --- held indoors*

*Our first tack swap was such a huge success, we're holding it again in 2018.*

### **"Out With the Old and in With the New"**

<https://www.gfhc.ca/tack-swap>

**Date: Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Location: Sandaraska Park – Inside "La Barn"**

**Time: 10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. {vendor set up at 8:00 a.m.}**



Table Reservations - \$20 / table. <https://www.gfhc.ca/tack-swap-table-reservation>

**(e-transfers {Press the 'SUBMIT' button' or just hit 'ENTER' to complete the transfer}, cheque)**

*Look over your 'extra' stuff and see what you have to sell, trade, or donate to the GFHC.*

*Clean up your tack and bring it to the swap. Quality items, not quantity will sell faster. Please book your tables early. We really need to keep items displayed on the tables and not on the floor or in the aisle way.*

*We would appreciate if you help keep the aisles free from clutter  
so there is lots of room for shoppers to browse and check things out.*

***The more appealing you display items, the better the chance of selling your stuff. Extra \$\$\$ for you!***

**Any sale you make is money in your pocket!**

**TACK SWAP  
& MORE**

Hosted by the  
**GANARASKA FOREST HORSE CLUB**  
to be held at  
**SANDARASKA PARK**  
156 Sandaraska Road, Pontypool (near Porter Road and Hwy 115)

**SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2018**  
**10:00-2:00**  
Rain or Shine (large indoor facility)

Dozens of Vendors | All Disciplines | Refreshments Available

For more information or to book a table: [www.gfhc.ca/tack-swap](http://www.gfhc.ca/tack-swap)  
Jacquie Hansford 705-927-5866 or [jacquie.hansford@gmail.com](mailto:jacquie.hansford@gmail.com)

# Keeping you Informed

It's worth reading the 2017 GRCA Annual Report to see what the **Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority** is responsible for - aside from our recreational use of the Forest .

**Here are two extracts relevant to our Club and horseback riders:**

## **SPECIAL THANKS**

Thank you to those who continue to support Ganaraska Forest recreational and forest management; especially the volunteer forest patrollers, the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders, Sandaraska Horse Riders, and the Ganaraska Snowmobile and Ganaraska Forest Horse Clubs.

## **GANARASKA FOREST RECREATION**

With the completion of the Forest Management Plan, 2017 was a significant year regarding the recreational management of the Ganaraska Forest. The multi-use recreation that has taken place in the Forest for decades was acknowledged as an important component of the Plan from the onset. An extensive consultation process took place during the preparation of the Plan which sought input from an array of stakeholders including forest users, members of the Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee, neighbouring landowners, volunteers and businesses. A synopsis report which summarized input received from this process was included as an appendix in the Forest Management Plan.

One of the key recommendations from the report was for the Terms of Reference for the Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee to be reviewed and updated. This

took place over the course of 2017 and a final version of the new Terms of Reference was approved by the Full Authority Board in November.

During the consultation process many comments were received about the need for increased enforcement in the Forest. In response to this, the number of police pay duty patrols was nearly doubled in 2017, as well as an increase in staff patrols on weekends, when the Forest receives its greatest use.

The total number of Ganaraska Forest members has remained fairly consistent over the past two years at around 2,000 members. Off-road vehicle use, including off-road motorcycles and ATVs, remains the most popular recreational activity followed by equestrian use.

[http://www.grca.on.ca/.../2018/02/GRCA\\_Report-2017\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.grca.on.ca/.../2018/02/GRCA_Report-2017_FINAL.pdf)

## **Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority - Recreational Users Committee**

The Recreational Users Committee was formed in 1988. Although we don't have a complete list of horseback riders that have been either equestrian or municipal reps, here's is a partial list – with our thanks for representing the interests of equestrians using the Ganaraska Forest!

- Anne Vavra (since 2011 as the Port Hope rep)
- Tug MacDonald (since 2007 as the equestrian rep)
- Joyce Boudreau
- Leslie McRae
- Ron Keeler
- Susan Sinnott
- Susan Gambling

Tug MacDonald has retired from the RUC and Dave Grant (the current GFHC president) has been appointed by OTRA as his replacement.

As mentioned in the 2017 GRCA Annual Report, a new Terms of Reference document has been developed. Below is an extract.

### **Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee Terms of Reference**

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee (RUC) is to carry out work and provide advice to the Full Authority on:

1. Development of standards and guidelines for each recreational use occurring in the Ganaraska Forest,
2. User conflicts within the Forest,
3. User conflicts with landowners of property abutting the Forest,
4. Approval of groups use of the Forest in an effort to reduce conflicts, ensuring safe use and reducing liability, and,
5. New regulations or policies that pertain to recreational use.

The Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee will also assist with:

1. Identification of property boundaries,
2. Informing users of their responsibilities and the regulations regarding their use,
3. Promotion of co-operation amongst the various users of the Forest,
4. Development of recreation programs and/or events in the Forest subject to approval of the Conservation Authority,
5. Trail maintenance including relocation of trails, signage, volunteer programs and site restoration projects, and,

6. Liaising between respective associations and the Conservation Authority regarding proposals which will benefit all parties involved.

### **Committee Structure**

Each user group/municipality listed below is responsible to appoint a representative from that organization to sit on the RUC. Each representative will sit on the RUC as a voting member for a four (4) year term. Municipal Appointees will be a member of the public residing in that Municipality and will be appointed by Council every 4 years or as per the Municipality's policy on appointments.

### **Voting Members**

The groups represented by this Committee shall include a representative from each of the following organizations:

- Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters
- Ontario Trail Riders Association (equestrian)
- Ontario Nature
- Hike Ontario
- Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs
- Ontario Federation of Trail Riders (off-road motorcycles)
- Canadian Cross Country Ski Association
- Orienteering Ontario
- Ontario Cycling Association
- Kawartha ATV Association
  
- Municipality of Port Hope
- City of Kawartha Lakes
- Township of Cavan/Monaghan
- Municipality of Clarington

A Full Authority Board Member will also sit on the Committee as an ex-officio member and will be appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Full Authority Board.







# Saint Patrick's Day...



## FROM YOUR GFHC BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

*Dave, Donna, Jacquie, Olga, Paul, Rich, Sue, & Tina*



*“May the best day of your past be the worst day of your future.”*

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## **So many ways to know what's happening! Stay in touch**

Check out our website to keep in touch with what's going on.

[www.gfhc.ca](http://www.gfhc.ca)



Ganaraska Forest Horse Club



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