

# Results of Appleatchee Bowl survey of members during March 2018.

by John Lehmkuhl. Respondents : 73, but not all answered all the questions.

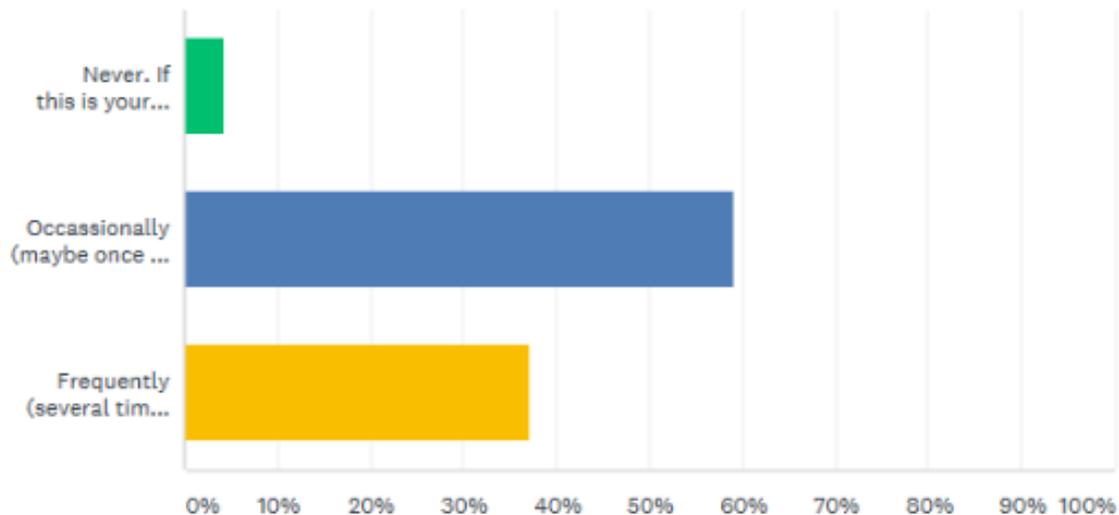
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## Do you ever ride in the Appleatchee Bowl?

Answered: 73 Skipped: -1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Never. If this is your answer and you have no interest in the Bowl, then you are done. Thanks!	4.11% 3
▼ Occasionally (maybe once a month or so)	58.90% 43
▼ Frequently (several times a month)	36.99% 27
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>73</b>

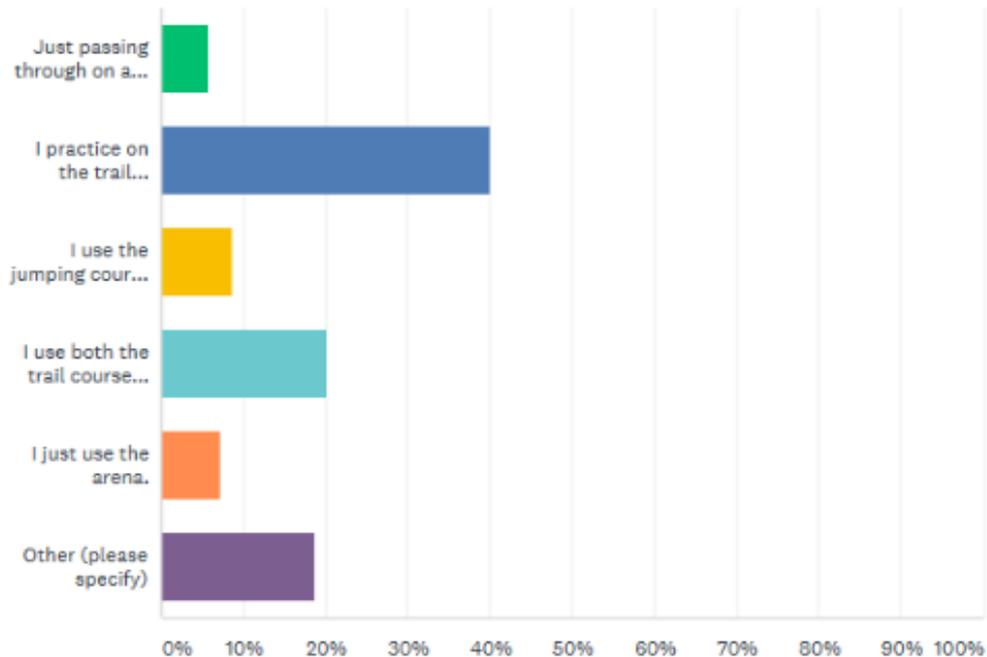
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# When you ride in the bowl, what do you like to do?

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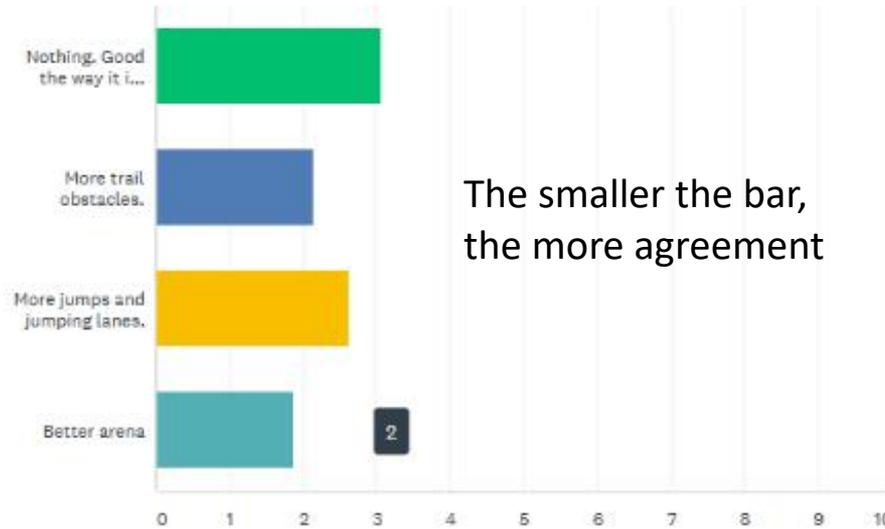
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▾ Just passing through on a trail ride.	5.71% 4
▾ I practice on the trail course obstacles.	40.00% 28
▾ I use the jumping course.	8.57% 6
▾ I use both the trail course and Jump.	20.00% 14
▾ I just use the arena.	7.14% 5
▾ Other (please specify)	<a href="#">Responses</a> 18.57% 13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>70</b>

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# How would you improve the Bowl to meet your riding needs?

Answered: 70 Skipped: 2



The smaller the bar, the more agreement

	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Nothing. Good the way it is now.	8.33% 5	23.33% 14	26.67% 16	38.33% 23	3.33% 2	60	3.05
More trail obstacles.	28.57% 18	38.10% 24	25.40% 16	6.35% 4	1.59% 1	63	2.14
More jumps and jumping lanes.	22.81% 13	17.54% 10	42.11% 24	10.53% 6	7.02% 4	57	2.61
Better arena	40.32% 25	35.48% 22	20.97% 13	3.23% 2	0.00% 0	62	1.87

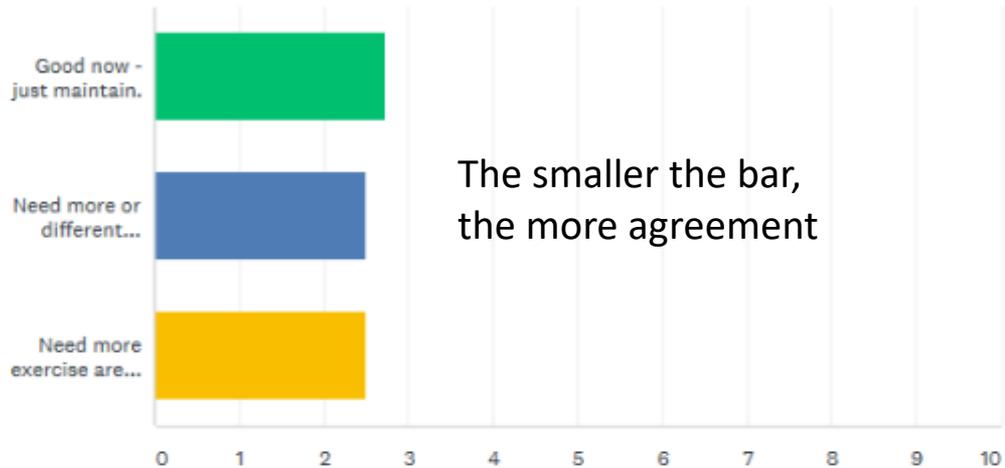
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### Questions 3 Comments:

1. The Bowl has been the red headed step child of Appleatchee. When the Trail Challenge was disbanded, the upkeep went to members, as it remains mostly now. The statement that the Bowl is appears to be mostly a cross country course with an arena is true due to the fact that these are the people who go out there and continue to weed it, maintain it, add chips, repair jumps etc.. We do not and cannot do cross country inside, so this is an excellent area for this discipline. Replenish the trail items, but please do not take away the ability of this group of people to ride this course without upsetting the delicate nature of some of the members
2. trotting track is useful
3. water obstacle, improve the arena, always work to improve footing
4. Footing on both gallop track and the arena have been slippery in past. I don't believe more bark to track is the solution. The base of arena seems slippery.
5. the arena could be leveled out, it is nice place to get out and diversify
6. Should be a place for any kind of an area for any member to be able to ride there
7. It would be nice if Appleatchee would keep mowed.
8. It is a great asset. We appreciate the people who keep it nice. I feel guilty not helping.
9. I'm new to your community and I'm not an expert or aware of the history of how the area has been used. My observation is that it would be nice to have better footing in the arena and keep it weed-free. Overall, I think the Bowl is a huge asset and we're lucky to have it. I support keeping it well-maintained for all users.
10. no pits, ditches, or other excavations

# If you jump, how would you like the area to be managed or developed?

Answered: 56 Skipped: 16



	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Good now - just maintain.	9.80% 5	19.61% 10	58.82% 30	11.76% 6	0.00% 0	51	2.73
Need more or different jumps.	20.75% 11	16.98% 9	58.49% 31	0.00% 0	3.77% 2	53	2.49
Need more exercise areas or galloping lanes.	11.32% 6	37.74% 20	45.28% 24	1.89% 1	3.77% 2	53	2.49

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#### Question 4 Comments:

1. Lanes need to be raked, and chips added during the summer months. It needs to be mowed and weeded. Several members brought in several dump truck loads of sand for the arena out of their own pockets
2. We love to jump and ride in the open. All the arenas are used by every type of rider. The bowl should offer a little something for everyone as well.
3. The car wash is an eyesore and is falling apart. It should go.
4. See comments previous page. The areas around jumps are difficult to groom once it gets hot and dry. Any solutions?
5. I don't jump
6. keep jumps in good shape, change up at times if possible
7. I only use the jumps with my horse in hand/on the ground so I'm not too picky.
8. Some small (really small) jumps for beginners would be nice.
9. I defer to our experts on this. I would follow their advice on what needs to happen to keep it well-maintained.

Q5. If you want more trail obstacles, then indicate your preferences below or add some ideas.

	STRONGLY LIKE	LIKE	NEUTRAL	DISLIKE	STRONGLY DISLIKE	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Mail box	22.81% 13	43.86% 25	26.32% 15	3.51% 2	3.51% 2	57
Bridges (one out there now)	35.48% 22	40.32% 25	22.58% 14	0.00% 0	1.61% 1	62
Gates	36.21% 21	39.66% 23	18.97% 11	0.00% 0	5.17% 3	58
Log piles to teach stepping over logs	40.32% 25	38.71% 24	16.13% 10	0.00% 0	4.84% 3	62
Barrels to weave around	23.33% 14	33.33% 20	31.67% 19	5.00% 3	8.33% 5	60
Car wash (currently there)	37.70% 23	39.34% 24	14.75% 9	1.64% 1	6.56% 4	61
Sand-filled tractor tires (3 there now)	36.07% 22	34.43% 21	22.95% 14	3.28% 2	3.28% 2	61
Logs (small and large) with rope to drag	35.48% 22	27.42% 17	24.19% 15	4.84% 3	8.06% 5	62
Maze made of straw bales or logs	31.67% 19	31.67% 19	21.67% 13	6.67% 4	8.33% 5	60
Turn box about 6' square	27.69% 18	33.85% 22	33.85% 22	0.00% 0	4.62% 3	65

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## Question 5 Comments:

1. No barrels. In the summer, barrels can be used in the top arena, and any of the other covered arenas. The footing is not good enough to run a horse around barrels without possible injury. Many members will not know this, and may injure themselves or their horse.
2. I like the jump up and jump down hill/ledge
3. A 3 step tier...like Craig Cameron or Clinton style
4. what ever tools/obstacles placed in the bowl should be easy to maintain
5. water obstacles
6. Gates gets a lot of weeks with bee's nest - good if can keep that clear
7. the bridges are needed rebuilt. I won't use them because boards are broken, nails showing, car wash needs new plastic from time to time, I don't like straw maze, It will attract critters. I like the tires.
8. Please note, the last time I used the bridge it was dangerous with loose boards. This is an important feature that should be revitalized.

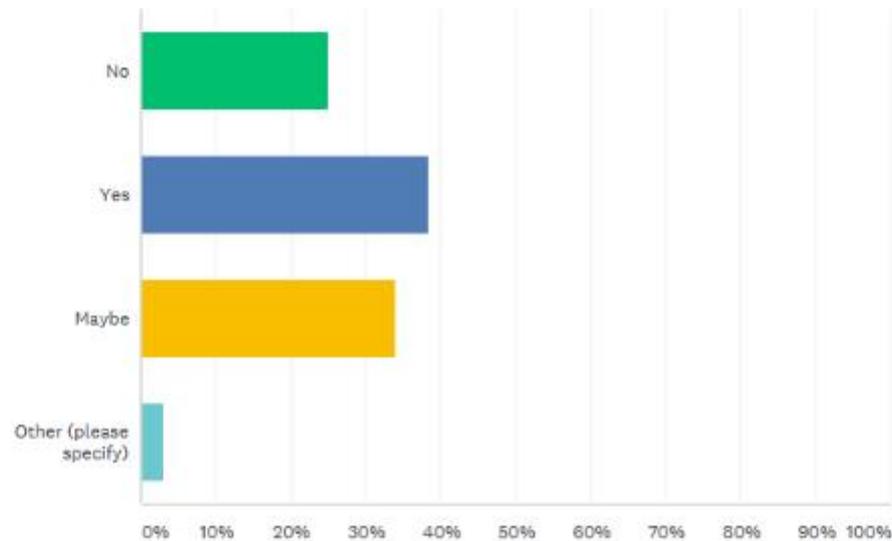
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We had trail course competitions for several years, but discontinued them. We had several classes depending on your skill, and awarded prizes. Would you ride in a trail course competition if we organized one for spring or early summer?

Answered: 68 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ No	25.00% 17
▼ Yes	38.24% 26
▼ Maybe	33.82% 23
▼ Other (please specify)	Responses 2.94% 2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>68</b>

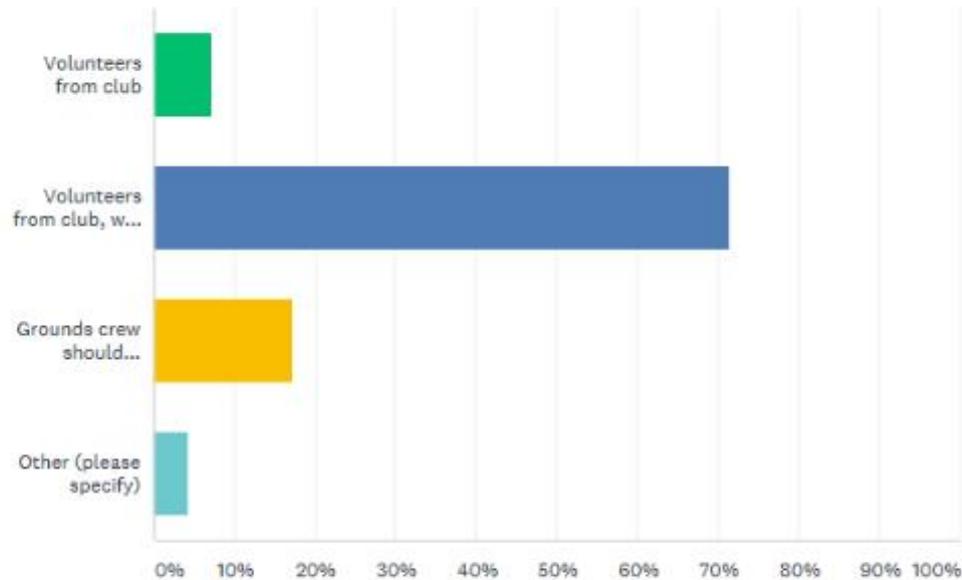
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How do think the Bowl (mowing, jump and trail obstacle maintenance) should be maintained?

Answered: 70 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Volunteers from club	7.14% 5
▼ Volunteers from club, with help from grounds crew	71.43% 50
▼ Grounds crew should maintain, even if it means adding crew.	17.14% 12
▼ Other (please specify)	Responses 4.29% 3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>70</b>

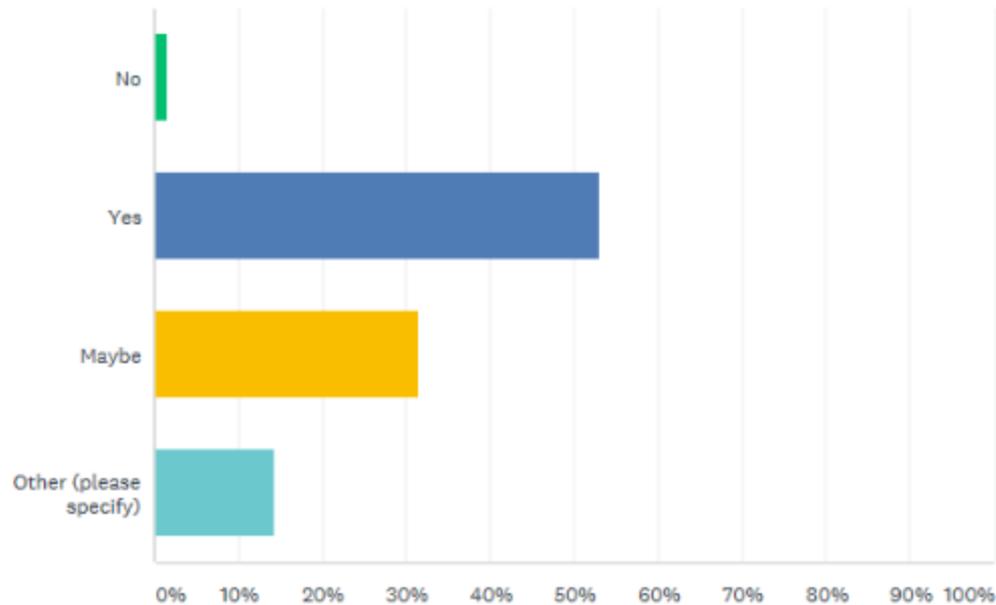
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Are you willing to help maintain the Bowl on occasional work days?  
Comment on how work days can be best organized.

Answered: 70 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▾ No	1.43% 1
▾ Yes	52.86% 37
▾ Maybe	31.43% 22
▾ Other (please specify)	<a href="#">Responses</a> 14.29% 10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>70</b>

General comments: (deleted several comments that just said "thanks" for doing the survey)

1. Most of the maintenance days in the past have been on gaming weekends at Appleatchee so I have never been able to attend a work party. It would be nice if these days could be on weekends when Appleatchee did not have a division function going on.
2. It has only been a matter of time until this survey surfaced. The people who use the Bowl and maintain it knew that someday the Club would look there and want to change it, and probably limit their use of it. John, I am in favor of upgrading and maintaining, but not at the expense of limiting the use to the people who have maintained it after the trail challenges were no longer held. As I understand it now, Mary Sawyer, Stan Sawyer and Tammy Wheeler have been "in charge " of the Bowl for many years. They have used their own monies, and equipment, hosted Bowl parties and asked for help. They would love to have more people use the Bowl. One of the problems is that NO ONE helps, or repairs the minor damage they do when riding out there.....or they use the jumps inappropriately, and could hurt themselves. Please talk with them, and consider what they have been doing in the Bowl before the Club casts it control over that . Thanks, JoAnne
3. LOVE the bowl. And LOVED the one comp. I did. Thank you.
4. Start with a safety check now. Then schedule at least monthly checks by a person not associated with the construction nor use of the bowl and obstacles. Reports should be on file in the office.
5. Thank you for taking the time to work on improving this area!
6. The bowl is a great asset to all members of the club.
7. move the trail obstacles to a different area that way we can add more jumps
8. While it is a great to have a multi use area, most riders do not understand the safety issues associated. x-country jumps need to carefully be placed with safety in mind.

9. In general, I think organic looking jumps and obstacles are the best-to blend with the landscape. It is such a pretty spot! Also, I think log piles are snake habitat. My favorite is the galloping track - which I trot ??.

10. Our family would ride in the bowl more often if maintained and any dangers cleared more often. We are glad to help maintain.

11. We love having this area!

12. The arena needs to be leveled, it goes downhill from South to North

13. A lot of work has been put into the bowl by a few dedicated volunteers and I hope they are fully involved in any changes that are made.

14. The bowl is really come along way. It is nice to get out and jump outside, and the arena is good practice for outside dressage rides.

15. Needs to meet the members no matter what So how ever you ride and what you like should be able to use it

16. expand the jumping area towards the gravel road. post signs to keep trespassing hikers and bikers out.

17. I am very appreciative of the time and work people have put into the bowl.

18. We love the bowl and use it often. We would love love love to see some obstacle competitions held out there and would definitely attend.

19. We also need to organize work on the trails behind the bowl. They are almost un-ridable in some places and would need some pruning of the sage brush. I would find time to help with that. Things are getting bad up there.

20. The mowing is a big commitment, would be nice to have a large mowing deck that Appleatchee owned to be used in the bowl to cut down on mowing time for volunteers

21. Thank you for asking! I appreciate all the services and facilities that Appleatchee offers.

22. The bowl got downright hazardous when certain people decided to turn it into their private extreme obstacle course (pits, etc). Let's not keep doing that.