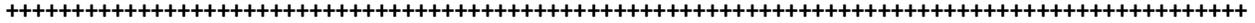




Florida Sport Horse Club Newsletter

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Calendar of Club Rides and Events:

All club rides begin at 9:00 am. unless otherwise noted

- **Saturday, November 26, 9:30am:** Club ride at Green Swamp West. Karen Turbeville, leader—you must call her by Friday night so she knows to meet you at the day parking area!
- **Saturday, December 3, 9:00am:** Club ride at Marshall Hampton Reserve (**please remember a free permit** is required to ride here; call 863-534-7377 to get one)
- **Sunday, December 4, 5:00pm:** Club Christmas party at the Charrons' (details below)
- **Saturday, December 10, 9:30am:** Club ride at Colt Creek
- **Monday, December 12, 6:30pm:** Club dinner at Jimbo's Pit Barbeque, 1215 E. Memorial Blvd., Lakeland
- **Saturday, December 17, 9:30am:** Club ride at Lake Kissimmee State Park
- **Saturday, December 31, 9:30am:** Joint ride with Triple B at Green Swamp West. Call Karen Turbeville to RSVP
- **Monday, January 16, 7:00pm:** Monthly meeting, St. John's Methodist Church, Winter Haven, Room 206
- **Sunday, April 2, 2017 (time TBA):** "Get to Know Colt Creek" pony rides

Please let Barbara Lassiter know if you plan to attend any of the club rides! **If nobody responds by the Thursday night before the ride, it will be cancelled.**

- email her at barbgeiger123@comcast.net
- Call her at 863-534-3459
- Keep up with the club rides and "join" via our Facebook Page (Events section).

Those wanting to ride on Mondays—please contact Barbara Lassiter and/or Karen Turbeville. Want to ride on other days? Email club members directly or contact Barbara Lassiter, and she will send your request out.

If you need additional information or directions for any of the rides scheduled, email Barbara at barbgeiger123@comcast.net or give her a call at 863-534-3459. You can also check the "Events" section of the Florida Sport Horse Club's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FloridaSportHorseClub>.

News

Our club's **Christmas party** is fast approaching! Mike and Barbara Charron have again graciously offered to host us **on Sunday, December 4 at 5pm**. As usual, the club will provide the meat (thanks to Barbara C., turkey, and Donna F., ham) and drinks; members are asked to bring a dish to share. You are welcome to bring a gift for the door prizes (Donna Fellers will be coordinating). Jerre Wilson, for example, will be donating ten horse books as prizes for us! If you have new or like-new items (they don't have to be horse-related) you'd like to gift to somebody else, please bring them.



Florida Sport Horse Club members showed up in force to help out in the concession stand for the Triple B Riders' **Charity Fun Show** on Saturday, **November 5th**. It was a fine day, and raised some funds for our proposed picnic table at Tenoroc. Thanks to all who supported us, especially all the Triple B members who ate all the pulled pork!



If you have not paid your club dues, this is the last newsletter and email you will receive. The new club year began in August, which means that you should have already paid your dues to Treasurer Judy Cloninger by mail or in person!

We appreciate Jerre Wilson, who again contributed his time and skills for the hands-on clinic he recently held at Judy Cloninger's house. We are lucky to have him. A big THANKS also needs to go to Charlie Cloninger, who spent a lot of time clearing the trails on which riders could play.

Our November dine-around event was at Jackie's Art Cafe with 9 folks. It was a lot of fun, and we even had live music to go with the food. Our NEXT

dinner will be 6:30pm **Monday, December 12** at Jimbo's Pit Barbeque, 1215 E. Memorial Blvd, Lakeland. The restaurant is another family-run business, and has a killer apple pie with orange sauce. It's not fancy but has great barbeque. **RSVPs are strongly encouraged to Janet Schneider (jim_schneider@msn.com or 863-858-6848) by Friday, December 9th.**

Donna Coquyt reported that there is a fair bit of construction activity at Marshall Hampton Reserve, with talk that another trail is opening up. Only part of it is supposed to be open to horses, though.

Notice! We've been told that the **laminated Coggins cards** can no longer be obtained locally from Polk County. In place of this, you must print the form out from the state of Florida (Application for Negative EIA Test Verification Card) and confirming documents as listed on the form. For more information you can call Candy Sheridan, Staff Assistant of Equine Programs for Florida, at (850) 410-0952. You can also fill in the form and print it from <http://forms.freshfromflorida.com/09206.pdf>



Remember the 4-H horse shows on January 14. More information can be found at http://www.horseshowing.com/show_upload/3994/1.pdf. Kathy Grinstead's kids always do well at these shows!

Save the date! The next "Get to Know Colt Creek" event will be held Sunday, April 2, 2017. Club members again voted to hold "pony rides" as we have done for the last 3 years.

Melody Cazort tells us that the "Extreme Mustang Makeover" will be in Jacksonville May 18-20, 2017; you can read more about it at <https://www.facebook.com/extrememustangmakeover>.



Tips & Activities by Members:



Mike and Barbara Charron took part in the November 13th Hunter Pace/Trail Pace at Little Everglades Ranch in Dade City. They said the course was beautiful, and the event was well attended.



Congratulations to Janet Del Castillo, who won an award for “Backyard Racehorse” at the Equus Film Festival in New York City November 17-20. Janet says “There were wonderful films all relating to horses ... it was a

great time to network and meet many film makers and authors and artists.” You can watch Janet’s video at https://youtu.be/A1_qOs248ws.

FSHC member **Kathy Grinstead** and her Rockin' W Ranch is featured in the September/October 2016 issue of **The 863 Magazine**! Unfortunately the pictures aren't in the online version, but the print magazine has photos of both Kathy and Donna Coquyt. Congratulations, ladies! Read the article at

<http://the863magazine.com/previous-issues-of-the-863-magazine/september-october-2016/for-the-love-of-horses-life-lessons-from-the-ranch-by-donna-kelly/>

Congratulations to **Ellie Crowder**, who won a gorgeous belt buckle by competing in the 3-show AQHA/All Breed Trail Challenge series held by Mane Circle!



All the rain this past summer seems to have triggered a lot of fungal issues with members’ horses. Barbara Charron shared a few products she’s used, all with chlorhexidine. Novalsan Wound Care by Noble Outfitters works well but costs \$19.99 for a small-ish bottle, when one can buy the concentrated “All-Purpose Stall Wash” with chlorhexidine (also by Noble Outfitters), dilute it and get a lot more bang for the buck.

Donna Coquyt, Kathy Grinstead and Dennis Dudley enjoyed riding at Alafia River State Park. They also discovered that the bikers have a MUCH better bathroom (with toilet paper!) than the equestrians.

Join the club! Meet some great people who love their horses. What are YOU doing? Let us know, and send us pictures--we’d love some action shots of you and your horse! Send to jm_schneider@msn.com. Follow us on Facebook, and visit us online at Facebook <http://www.flahorse.com/fshc/>. Happy Trails, where we hope to see you soon!