



Florida Sport Horse Club Newsletter

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Dedicated to trail riding and the preservation of the many riding areas in Central Florida.

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Calendar of Club Rides and Events:

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

- **Saturday, Sept. 24, 8:30am:** Club ride at Tenoroc
- **Saturday, October 1, 9:30am:** Joint ride with Triple B at Alafia River State Park. Bring a picnic lunch.
- **Saturday, October 8, 8:30am:** Club ride at Tenoroc
- **Monday, October 10, 6:30pm:** Club dinner at Slyce Pizza Kitchen, 1551 3rd St SW, Winter Haven
- **Monday, October 17, 7:00pm:** Monthly meeting, St. John's Methodist Church, Winter Haven, Room 206
- **Saturday, November 5, 9am:** Triple B Charity Fun Show at Aldine Combee Arena. FSHC members at the Concession Stand.
- **Saturday, November 12, 9am:** Horsemanship Clinic with Jerre Wilson. Details below.

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

Florida Sport Horse Club members have again been invited to work with the Triple B Riders at their **Charity Fun Show**, scheduled for Saturday **November 5th**. Our job would be to run the Concession Stand; the profits made will go toward the picnic table(s) for Tenoroc. We had a lot of fun with this at the last Fun Show, and expect just as fine a time this year. Janet Schneider will coordinate, with Karen Turbeville acting as liaison with Triple B.

The new club year has now begun, which means that you can pay your **dues** to Treasurer Judy Cloninger any time now by mail or in person!

The club's first luncheon was a lot of fun! Five members and one spouse (thanks, Paul Fellers!) met at Randy's Family Restaurant in Winter Haven. Our next dine-around event is planned for Monday, October 10, 6:30pm at Slyce Pizza Kitchen, 1551 3rd St SW, Winter Haven. You can see a menu at <http://www.slycepizzakitchen.com/>. **RSVPs are strongly encouraged** to Janet Schneider (jm_schneider@msn.com or 863-858-6848) so that we can alert the chosen restaurant as to numbers.

Triple B has a **camping week** scheduled at Doe Lake October 11 - 17. FSHC members are welcome, but you must reserve your spot early (the deadline is October 1). There will be a BBQ dinner Saturday night, a Poker Ride Saturday morning, guided rides some mornings and a community campfire each night. More information can be found at <http://triplebridgers.club/doe-lake-rsvp-form-oct-11-17-2016/>.

Save the date of November 12! Jerre Wilson is again planning a great **horsemanship clinic** for club members and guests, this time on "shoulder in, haunches in, and the Spanish Walk" -- as well as help with any issue you might have with your horse. Judy Cloninger will host the clinic at her home.

Did you know that there is a **film festival about horses????** It was created "to highlight and award the diverse and creative efforts of those who artistically pay homage to the horse. The festival empowers storytellers to show the rich history and diverse tapestry of horses in human culture through equestrian content." There are feature films, documentaries, shorts, music videos, commercials, training educational materials, art and literature. It will be held in New York City November 17-20; you can read more about it at <http://www.equusfilmfestival.net/>.



There is word that **Tenoroc may be putting in a skeet-shooting range** somewhere along the north trail. For obvious reasons this could have a major impact on the trail's availability to equestrians. When you ride at Tenoroc, make a point of asking the staff about this plan, and tell them how much you use that north loop. Remember squeaky wheels (hooves) keep trails open!

FSHC been contacted by the **Crop & Carrot 4-H Club** of Polk County to ask if we would be interested in talking to their kids about trail riding. Many of the kids have never experienced the joys of the trail, so it would be an opportunity to share our love of the sport. Janet Schneider and Cathy Botts will be our representatives at the C&C's January meeting.



Tips & Activities by Members:



Cathy Botts is looking to add a donkey to her menagerie. Please let her know if you see one for sale.

Janet Del Castillo is back from Saratoga and Finger Lakes. Twisty did very well, especially considering he caught a bad cold that held his training back for 2 weeks. Janet’s going back to Keenland soon to look for a good prospect to buy for herself.

Karen Turbeville LOVES her new Bob Marshall treeless saddle, and Cash seems much happier as well. A well-fitting saddle can make a world of difference.

Donna Coquyt rode out at the Marshall Hampton Reserve, and found the bugs quite tolerable. However, the water was actually up to the horses’ bellies in spots. It’s been a very wet year.

Barbara Charron has been getting hay from the Hancock Seed Company near Trilby. Rolls of Tifton are selling for \$50. Go to <http://hancockseed.com/> for more information. **Richard Jones** knows of a supplier (Mr. Hause) on Thornhill, almost to Spirit Lake Road.

The Charrons camped at Hard Labor Creek in Georgia recently. The campground was great and the trails were beautiful—but VERY hard on unshod Florida horses. Barbara’s horse is still lame.

Susan Mayrant has entered Willie in the next Time to Shine show. We wish you luck.

Donna Fellers had a fine time on her cruise to the Bahamas. She’s also heard of a “SportHorse Cruise” with Alice Knox, where participants cruise through the Caribbean while learning (classroom setting) about SportHorse topics. Read more at <http://sporthorsecruise.com/2017-caribbean-cruise.html>.

Donna F. also attended Brandon Equine’s recent open house and won a free Cushing’s test for Chancey. She enjoyed the event so much she also drove down to the Sarasota open house, where she saw an endoscopy demonstration and an ultrasound of a pregnant mare.

Susan Buchanon is back in the saddle after her surgery—yay!

Karen Turbeville has been suffering extreme heat rashes on her lower legs after riding this summer. She’s found that wrapping her legs in soaked cooling towels under her jeans has worked to stop the rash from appearing.

Karen T. has a friend who needs to find a good home for her large dog. It’s well trained but does not get along with children or other dogs. It is good with livestock, including chickens and goats. Call Karen for more information.

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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!