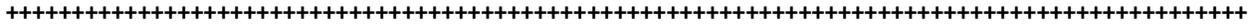




Florida Sport Horse Club Newsletter

2077 W. Lake Hamilton Drive, Winter Haven 33881

December 2016



Calendar of Club Rides and Events:

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

- **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
- **Saturday, January 7, 9:30am:** Club ride at Lake Lousia
- **Saturday, January 14, 9:30am:** Club ride at Lower Green Swamp
- **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 RSVP Barbara Lassiter for 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, contact Barbara. You can also check the "Upcoming Events" section of our web page at <https://floridasporthorseclub.com/>, or the "Events" section of the Florida Sport Horse Club's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FloridaSportHorseClub>.

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

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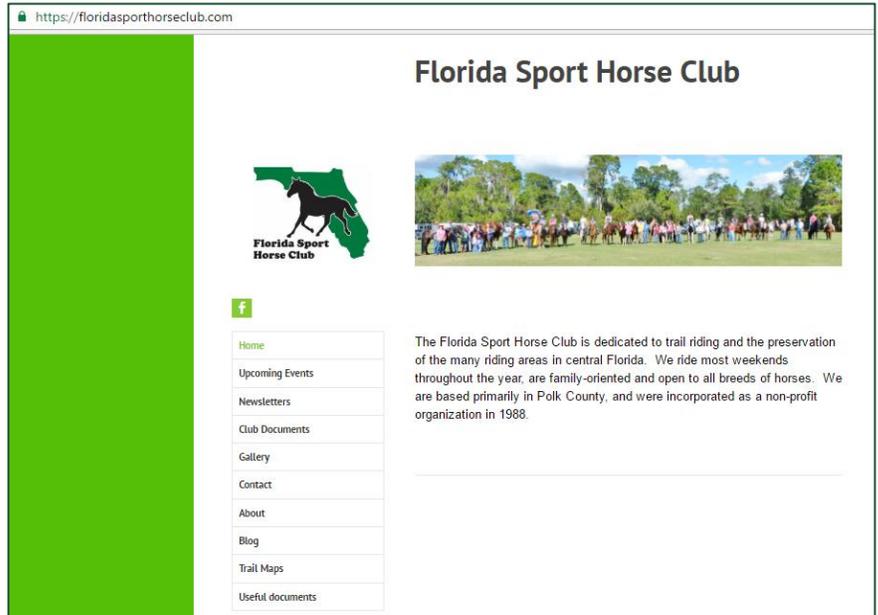
BIG NEWS: We have a new web page at <https://floridasporthorseclub.com/>, which we hope will make it easier for you to find out what's going on with the club—especially if you're not a Facebook user. The menu along the left side will take you to

- 🐾 **“Upcoming Events:”** our upcoming rides and other events;
- 🐾 **Newsletters;**
- 🐾 **Club documents** such as the membership form, bylaws and trail etiquette;
- 🐾 A **“Gallery”** of selected pictures;
- 🐾 A **“Contact”** button if you need to email us;
- 🐾 **“About,”** which essentially give our mission and purpose;
- 🐾 A **“Blog,”** where we'll post information with breaking news; maps of our riding areas; and, finally,
- 🐾 And **“Useful documents”** consisting of items like the form to get a laminated copy of your horse's Coggins, emergency contacts, trail guide booklets, etc.

You can also click on the little “f” in the green box above the “Home” link, and be directed immediately to our Facebook page. How convenient is that???? **Bookmark the site** for easy access on your web browser!

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>



Our club's **Christmas party** was its usual success, thanks in great part to hosts Barbara and Mike Charron. Donna Fellers brought a large number of door prize gifts, and many other members contributed as well.

Jerre's gift books were a big hit.

There was more food than any of



us had a right to try to stuff in, although I for one tried just about everything—the turkey, ham, corn, sweet potatoes, salads, stuffing, Mississippi mud cake.....oh, boy. My horse has not thanked me.

Club members also chipped in to thank officers for all they do throughout the year with gift cards. It



was a very generous thing to do and deeply appreciated by Barbara, Judy, Mike and Janet!

Our NEXT club dine-around 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 (jm_schneider@msn.com or 863-858-6848) by Friday, December 9th.**

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>

We're **revising our membership form** to include a space for **cell phone numbers AND emergency contacts**. We hope there will never be a need for it, but if somebody is injured during a club ride we'd like to be able to call your designated contact for you. If you'd like to get your information on the club's roster now, send it to Judy Cloninger.



Tips & Activities by Members:



Congratulations to Barbara Lassiter on her new saddle! It's her "Merry Christmas to me!" present to Abby.

Members on the December 3rd club ride at the **Marshall Hampton Reserve** explored the new trail that's soon to be open to the public. A new gate with an electric opener (switch is rider-height!) leads through a shaded cow pasture (cattle included) to a second electrically opened gate and along a very scenic, sunny causeway. Horse people will not be allowed past the concrete bridge due to the width of the trail, which is similar to the berm at Circle B Bar Preserve. The new trail, while one-way, adds a considerable length to the existing park trails. Pictured are Mike and Barbara Charron, Richard Jones, and Janet Schneider. THANKS to Ellie Crowder for taking the picture!



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!