



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, July 29, 8:30am:** Club ride at Marshall Hampton Reserve, Thornhill Road—Mike and Barbara Charron, trail bosses
- **Saturday, August 5, 5pm:** Annual club membership meeting/barbeque at the Lassiters'
- **Saturday, August 12, 8:00am:** Club ride at Tenoroc. Karen Turbeville, trail boss
- **Monday, August 14, 6:30pm:** Club dinner at Palace Restaurant, 6120 US Hwy 98N, Lakeland
- **Saturday, August 26, 8:30am:** Club ride at Marshall Hampton Reserve, Thornhill Road. Barbara Lassiter, trail boss
- **Monday, September 11, 11:30am:** Club lunch at Country Angels, 122 N. Commonwealth, Polk City
- **Monday, September 18, 7:00pm:** Monthly meeting, St. John's Methodist Church, Winter Haven, Room 206

We're switching to an abbreviated riding schedule during the hot summer/vacation months. Remember you can always email club members to get a pick-up ride!

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 other days—please contact Barbara Lassiter and/or Karen Turbeville, or email club members directly.

If you need more information or directions for any of the rides, 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>.

News

Our **annual barbeque/membership dinner** will be Saturday, **August 5** at Barbara and Steve Lassiter's home. Watch your upcoming emails for the address, or look at your membership list. Plan to be there at 5pm, so there is a bit of time for socializing before we eat at 6pm. The club will provide the meat and drinks, with Master Griller Steve cooking for us—a not-to-be-missed treat! Members are asked to bring a covered dish and friends who may be interested in joining the club. You may want to bring your own chair in case we come up with the crowd we hope to have. And a story to share! Last year we had a lot of fun with very short horse stories from members.

Officer Elections will be held at the August dinner. **Judy Cloninger, who has served as Treasurer for many years, is stepping down.** The slate of officers for election is:

- President: Mike Charron
- VP for Trails: Barbara Lassiter
- Treasurer: Donna Coquyt
- Secretary: Janet Schneider

If you would like to nominate yourself or another person (with permission) for any position, please contact Mike Charron.

It's membership renewal time! An individual is only \$15, with a family membership for \$25. Add \$10 for a Horse & Pony subscription IF we receive your payment by September 30.

Our monthly meeting place will be moving in September! St. John's will be undergoing renovation, and we are losing our location. With members in Winter Haven, Polk City, Lakeland and Bartow (and more), we need to find a central (free) place. **If you have any suggestions, please let your officers know.**

Our NEXT club dine-around dinner will be 6:30pm **Monday, August 14** at **Palace Restaurant**, 6120 US Hwy 98N, Lakeland; this is just over 3 miles north of I-4, exit 32. Please let Janet Schneider know if you're coming by Friday, August 11.



The **proposed water line extension at Colt Creek State Park** is on its way! Triple B has kicked off the fundraising efforts, and already has \$700 toward the estimated \$2368.00 needed to add 500 feet and 3 risers. The Florida Sport Horse Club members voted to support this project; all donations should be sent to Triple B Riding Club, PO Box 6313, Brandon, FL 33508, attn: Water Project. Donate \$30 or more and receive a sturdy feed bag tote with our thanks!



Club members voted to purchase 24 shirt silk-screening logos from Sew Perfect in Brandon. The company will "store" the logo sheets for us; you can buy the sheets for \$8 each through the club. Buy your t-shirt from Sew-Perfect at an estimated \$5 and the logo will be transferred to the shirt at no additional cost. Order a different shirt from the online catalog, pay for it yourself and the transfer cost is \$2.50. Or buy your own shirt elsewhere, and the company will silk-screen the logo for you for \$2.50.

(<http://www.4logowearables.com/sewperfectpro>). We're still working out all the details, but this plan will help you buy your club shirts as you want instead of waiting for a large order to be placed.

Save the Date! The Friends of Colt Creek have set February 25, 2018 as the next "Get to Know Colt Creek" event. Our club voted to give pony rides as we have in previous years.

Janet Del Castillo's good friend Teresa Molinos is an Equine Therapeutic teacher who may be helping establish Polk County's Special Olympics Equestrian Program. Janet has graciously offered to convey

the club's invitation to speak at the September meeting. Stay tuned for further details.

When the Friends of Colt Creek asked for volunteers to help at the recent campground ground-breaking, who showed up? Horse people! Five members of FSHC and Triple B were the ONLY folks who came out to help at short notice. And the politicians and dignitaries who came seemed very surprised when these volunteers identified themselves as from the horse community. During



Suzy Staton, Maureen Smith, Janet Schneider, Miriam Lauer, and Karen Turbeville

private conversations, Maureen lamented that they had no obvious designation showing they were from the equestrians. Over lunch, they came up with the idea of a button all horse club members—FSHC and Triple B—could use when representing the horse community at public events. There is power in numbers, and we need to collaborate in representing our interests in public venues. The idea was approved by club members; the buttons will be made and stored until needed. If YOU represent the horse community at any event, please let your officers know and they will get a button to you.



Tips & Activities by Members:

Barbara Charron has heard about a reputedly great new fly spray called “Eco-Vet.” Janet Schneider has ordered it, and will report on results when she's tested it.

Barbara C. is also scheduled to have Kerr Equine Dentistry out to her place. This practice cares for race horses during the season, and travels to Polk County during the off-track season. We'll wait to hear her report.

The heat and biting flies have curtailed many of our members' riding schedules. Stay safe and smart in all weather conditions, please!

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!