



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 1, 9:00am:** Club ride at Marshall Hampton Reserve, Thornhill Road
- **Saturday, July 15, 9:00am:** Club ride at Tenoroc
- **Monday, July 10, 11:30am:** Club lunch at at **Mike's Restaurant**, 1590 N. US Hwy 98., Bartow
- **Monday, July 17, 7:00pm:** Monthly meeting, St. John's Methodist Church, Winter Haven, Room 206
- **Saturday, August 5, 5pm:** Annual club membership meeting/barbeque at the Lassiters'

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

WELCOME to returning member **Carol Bemman!** Carol is a long-time horsewoman, and she and her palomino Diego are a part of the Polk County Sheriff's Posse.

WELCOME ALSO new member Jane Gavin. Jane boards at Carol Bemman's barn, and has a Belgium mare named Alice. Susan Mayrant's Willie now has a girlfriend just his size!

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.

Officer Elections will also be held at the August dinner. **If you are interested in serving** as President, VP For Trails, Treasurer or Secretary/Newsletter Editor, now's your golden opportunity! **Judy Cloninger, who has served as Treasurer for many years, is stepping down.** Please remember that the club only functions with active, involved members. If you would like to nominate yourself or another person (with permission) for any position, please contact Mike Charron.



Our NEXT club dine-around lunch will be 11:30am **Monday, July 10** at **Mike's Restaurant**, 1590 N. US Hwy 98., Bartow;

please let Janet Schneider know if you're coming by Friday, July 7.



We have more information on the **proposed water line extension at Colt Creek State Park.** Karen Turbeville met the park-approved contractor on May 19 and received 3 quotes:

- **Point A:** 500 feet from the last riser in existing campground to inside the new area. 1 riser to be added behind portable toilet and 2 others in new area. **\$5140**
- **Point B.** 360 more feet from point A with 4 more risers. **\$4270**
- **Point C.** 340 more feet from point B with 1 riser located in new horse trailer day area. **\$3103.** **NOTE:** This is not really feasible, as another tank would be required to get the water this far with any pressure.

(A riser has 2 faucets. A splitter on each would make 4 hose connections for each riser.)

The horse people have a credit of \$371.99 with Alderman Plumbing from the original project, and The Friends of Colt Creek have agreed to help up to \$2500. To reach Point A, \$2268.01 plus costs to obtain permits is needed.

To reach both Points A & B, a total of \$6538.01 plus the cost to obtain permits is needed.

The original water project was achieved because of the combined efforts of several horse clubs and interested individuals. Triple B has already launched its fundraising efforts and is encouraging other clubs to participate.



Laura Branch reports that the Polk City Library Summer Reading Programs Horse Day was again a huge success. There were signed waivers for over 200 kids! Thanks go to Laura Branch, organizer, as well as Cathy Botts, Susan Buchanon, Melody Cazort, Mike Charron, Judy Cloninger, Astrid Evans, Bobby Hancock, and Marsha Smith. Several non-members came with horses, as well: Susan Plaxico and Hannah, Sandi Cook with JJ, Ashley and Kaleigh; and an extra 10 volunteers recruited by Library staff. Laura said "I appreciate each one of you for donating your time, energy, horses and

horse sense to make this such a successful event. The kids really look forward to it every year, and it feels great knowing this event helps to encourage and reward these kids for meeting their reading goals.

The pine planting at Lower Green Swamp finally came about! Thanks to Mike Charron for leading us into the heat one more time, where he and Mary Futch represented the club.



We are considering contracting with a Brandon company to produce our **silk-screen logo for club t-shirts**. The company would “store” the logo sheets

for us, and members could buy their shirts individually as desired rather than us having to have a minimum of 25 shirts before placing an order. Are you interested?

Help grow the club! Our newest ploy is to have our meetings listed in the “Events” section of the Lakeland Ledger. This is free for us; so if you see strangers wandering around St. John’s on club nights, be sure you ask if they are looking for us!

Mike Charron wants to remind everybody that if you have a message you want to pass on to the club, you can just hit “reply all” to any of the newsletter or information emails that we distribute to you. It may be quicker—and possibly more accurate—than waiting for one of your officers to do it for you.



Tips & Activities by Members:



Correction: Tom Mayrant was listed in the May newsletter as a distributor for EquiDerma products. He is actually the sales and marketing manager.

Dr. Twilla of Brandon Equine has a **home-made recipe for fly spray** as follows: 2 ounces Skin so Soft; .75 ounces permethrin; 4 ounces White Vinegar; 1 tsp Citronella Oi; and 6 ounces Healthy Hair care moisturizer. Healthy Hair is a brand of horse products but some suggested you can substitute and Equiderma would work.

Hurricane season is upon us. **Cathy Botts** suggests **tagging horses** in advance of a storm; durable rubber dog collars can be used by putting together two large collars, then writing on the rubber with your horse’s information. NOTE: the club’s web site also has emergency information forms and directions for making your own break-away halter out of your existing web halter.)

Carol Bemman talked about her participation in the **Polk County Sheriff’s Posse**. They recently did an extensive search in the Haines City area searching for a deceased woman. Carol is doing a good service for the community and has a calm, beautiful horse Diego that is so versatile.

Donna Coquyt recently purchased an **automatic waterer** from The Drinking Post Horse Waters. It is an 8" pvc pipe that is installed in the ground and activated by the horse's touch to fill the container within the pipe. The water then leaks out so there is no standing water to build up fungus and dirt.

Donna Fellers found a great article on "**thinking like a parasite.**" It can be found at <http://extension.psu.edu/animals/equine/news/2013/think-like-a-parasite...-managing-resistant-parasites-in-horses>, and we have posted it to the club's Facebook page.

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!