



Florida Sport Horse Club Newsletter

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Calendar of Club Rides and Events:

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

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- **Saturday, October 21, 8:30am:** Club ride at Marshall Hampton Reserve. Mike & Barbara Charron, trail bosses
- **Saturday, October 28, 8:30am:** Club ride at Lower Green Swamp. Janet Schneider, trail boss
- **Saturday, November 4, 9:00am:** Club ride at Lake Louisa State Park. Barbara Lassiter, trail Boss
- **Saturday, November 11, 9:30am:** Joint ride with Triple B, Colt Creek State park. Barbara Lassiter, trail boss. **Park at the new equestrian day parking area next to the campground**
- **Saturday, November 18, 9:00am:** Club ride at the Hampton Tract, Rock Ridge Rd. Barbara Lassiter, trail boss
- **Monday, November 20, 6:00pm:** Club dinner and monthly meeting, **Golden Corral**, 4532 S Florida Ave., Lakeland.
- **Saturday, November 25, 9:00am:** Joint ride with Triple B at Green Swamp West. Riders **MUST** RSVP Barbara Lassiter; we will meet at the day parking and ride to the campground, arriving by 9:30am.
- **Sunday, December 10, 5:00pm:** Club Christmas party at the Charrons'
- **Sunday, February 25, 2018, 1:30pm-3:00pm:** "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 other days—please contact Barbara Lassiter and/or Karen Turbeville, or email club members directly.

For 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 our new members!

- **Myra Bell** learned about the club through a friend. She has a Paso Fino and a Florida Cracker horse, and is looking forward to trail riding with us.
- **Betsy McHugh** is Ranch Manager at Spring Lane Ranch in south Lakeland. She has also offered a tour of the ranch for our club, and we'll be arranging that in the future.
- **Penny & Frank Pak** are avid horse campers. While Frank doesn't ride, Penny makes up for it with her horse Muvado!
- **Nancy Young** and her granddaughter **Charlee Pate**

Have you renewed your membership yet? An individual is only \$15, with a family membership for \$25. We hope you've found the club's activities and camaraderie worth this small fee. The membership form is attached to the newsletter for your convenience...anybody not renewing by November one will be dropped from the email list and notifications.

Our first meeting at **Golden Corral, 4532 S. Florida Ave. in Lakeland** went well, and we'll be there again for our November meeting on the 20th. The restaurant has a nice buffet for \$11.99; drinks run around \$2.50. Come at 6pm for dinner, and stay for the meeting at 7:00. If you can't make it there by 6:00, that's okay! We just ask that if you plan to eat that you allow enough time to get your food **BEFORE** the meeting begins to minimize disruption. And please--if this meeting place will not work for you, don't just stay away! Let your officers know. We don't want to exclude anybody.

Keep an eye out for your November **Horse & Pony**. The club will have an ad and article in it.

All the rain has delayed work on the **water line extension at Colt Creek State**. Karen Turbeville is

meeting with the contractor on October 19 to discuss the work and finalize details.

It's party time! The **club Christmas party** will be **Sunday, December 10, starting at 5pm**. Mike and Barbara Charron will again host for us. Turkey, ham and drinks will be provided; members are asked to bring a dish to share. Family members and guests are welcome, but we ask that you let Mike and Barb know so that we have enough food for everybody. There will also be a voluntary gift giving; people can bring new or gently used unwrapped items with a value of \$20 or under. Participants will receive a ticket, and as their numbers are called they may pick the gift of their choice. Party details will be provided via the club's email list as we get closer to the date.

Special horse needed! Kathy Grinstead has kicked off her Special Olympics Equestrian program, which is open to people of all ages. Because of this, Kathy needs a horse with very special talents:

- VERY calm, with more "whoa" than "go"
- Able to carry a 200-pound rider
- Short enough that walkers can steady the rider without straining their arms and shoulders
- Free or low-cost

Kathy's ranch is a 501c3 corporation, so anybody donating a horse would get a tax credit.

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.

The Friends of Colt Creek State Park is selling its own **equestrian t-shirts** for \$15. If you are interested, please contact Karen Turbeville.



How to Order a Florida Sport Horse Club T-Shirt:

1. T-Shirts cost \$15 each. Go to Sew Perfect's online catalog (<http://www.4logowearables.com/sewperfectpromo>) and select your shirt color. **Remember that the logo is green and black and will not show on a dark color!**
2. Make a check out to the Florida Sport Horse Club for the cost of the T-shirt(s) \$15.00. Note on the check that it is for a shirt(s). Attach a note specifying shirt color and size plus your contact information.
3. The club will order the shirt for you, pick it up, and have it ready for you at a club meeting.

4. If you want a different kind of shirt from the catalog, you can order it. Note the cost of the shirt, add tax, and \$9 for the cost of the logo.
5. You may also buy your own shirt elsewhere, and the company will silk-screen the logo for you for \$2.50. You would have to bring your shirt and check for \$11.50 (\$9 for the logo and \$2.50 for the silk-screening) to the club, and we will get it to the printer for you.



Tips & Activities by Members:



Barbara Charron thanked Richard Jones for caring for 2 of her horses at his place for a couple of months while she was “over-horsed.”

Janet DelCastillo's kids felt she should look more stylish working with the horses, and substituted scrubs instead of Janet's usual sweat suit ensemble. And she loves them! They are much cooler and easily cleaned. Karen Turbeville has tried them too, and recommends a silky type to which hay doesn't cling. They can be found at Walmart for \$18.00.

Kathy Grinstead weaves a cattle tag into each horse's mane when she takes them trail riding. Each tag has her phone number in large numbers on it, so that if the horse and rider part company and the horse is hard to catch, anybody finding the horse can see the number from a distance and call Kathy.

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!

