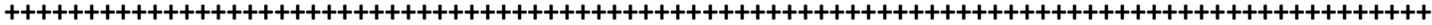




Florida Sport Horse Club Newsletter

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Calendar of Club Rides and Events:

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

- **Saturday, September 23, 8:30am:** Club ride at Tenoroc. Karen Turbeville, trail boss
- **Saturday, September 30, 8:30am:** Club ride at Marshall Hampton Reserve, Thornhill Road. Barbara Lassiter, trail boss
- **Saturday, October 14, 8:30am:** Club ride at Lower Green Swamp. Barbara Lassiter, trail boss
- **Monday, October 16, 6:00pm:** Club dinner AND monthly meeting, **Golden Corral**, 4532 S Florida Ave., Lakeland.
- **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.

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 meeting place has changed! St. Johns Methodist has graciously hosted us for many years, but is undergoing some renovations that requires us to leave. Beginning October 16, we will **COMBINE** our monthly dine-around and meeting by coming together at **Golden Corral, 4532 S. Florida Ave. in Lakeland**. 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. We'll try this venue for a couple of months to see how it works.

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!

We definitely want to thank those who offered new "homes" to us: Donna Coquyt, Barbara Lassiter, and Kay Losey.

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.

We survived Irma! Some people never lost power; others' didn't come back for almost a week. There were lots of downed trees, with Bobby Hancock taking the prize (?) there—he estimates he has over 100 trees on the ground. The wind was so strong at Cathy Botts' that the locked front door blew open; it had to be nailed shut. Bobby, Janet DelCastillo, and Donna Fellers (not really Donna's barn, but her horse's) all lost barn roofs. With all of that, though, we got off lucky—all humans and horses got through without major injuries.

And speaking of Irma, a lot of tips and advice were flying around (thank heavens) before the storm. We've compiled those tips, and attached them to the end of the newsletter. If you have any extra advice, or see something that should be corrected, please let Janet Schneider know.



We did it! The horse community raised \$580.64 **OVER** the original \$5140 needed to expand the **water line extension at Colt Creek State**. The extra funds will be used to max out the length of pipe and to add more spigots. The contractor has agreed that if there is a project overrun, he will absorb the loss; if there is a surplus, he will buy water troughs to place in the area. Thanks go to Triple B Riding Club for spearheading the effort, and an **extra-special thanks go to our own Karen Turbeville** for meeting and negotiating with park officials, county inspectors, plumbing contractors and more to get the most bang for our bucks. The project will take longer to complete than we had hoped only because of the extreme amount of rain that was dumped on the park during Irma.



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).

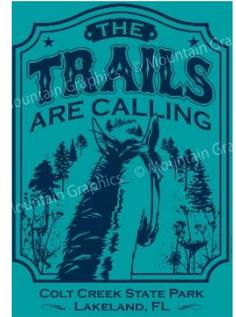
Attach a note specifying shirt color and size plus your contact information.

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.

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. Teresa was unable to speak at the September meeting, but we hope to get her to a future meeting.

Colt Creek State Park will be selling its own equestrian t-shirts soon for \$15. If you are interested, please contact Karen Turbeville.



Tips & Activities by Members:



Janet Schneider made her horses their very own breakaway reflective collars for use during Irma. She bought the elastic harnesses off Amazon, took them apart, and used the plastic buckles to make 2 collars plus 2 bands to go above the knees (or tails) and 2 to go at the fetlocks. Since 2 came in the package, she also has the option of riding at night and wearing the unused one herself.



Barbara and Mike Charron had a nice vacation in Georgia, starting out in Hard Labor Creek (where it rained) before moving on the Warwoman campground near Dillard. The horses stayed at Randy’s Horse Camp, where they enjoyed nice stalls. Barb and Mike used Renegade hoof boots to protect the horses from all the rocks, and were very impressed that the boots stayed on through mud, clay, muck and water.

Judy Cloninger lost her lovely Tennessee Walker Jubal in August due to laminitis. But she finally sold her 2 young Foxtrotters, and now has another Foxtrotter that we hope to meet soon on the trails.

Donna Fellers announced that a former club member, Mildred Miller, recently lost her husband and is back in the area. She also told us that an Alberta, Canada lovely historic stable from which she rode this year was destroyed in a recent wildfire.

Barbara Lassiter enjoyed wonderful rides in Glacier National Park, Wyoming when the beargrass was blooming. She said it was gorgeous.

Bobby Hancock enjoyed long rides through his 168 acres before the hurricane ruined his trails. It's going to take a lot of work to get them back again.

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!

Hurricane Tips for Horse Owners

Before the storm:

- ✓ Make a list of what you need to do or buy. Have plenty of feed, hay and water on hand in case you can't get to the store for a couple of weeks after the storm.
- ✓ Check your fences, and repair/strengthen any weak places.
- ✓ Place supplies, feed and hay in more than one spot—for example, your home and truck or trailer as well as your usual feed location. If one area is breached during the storm, you'll hopefully be able to access one of the other locations.
- ✓ Make a fact sheet up on every horse. Include the animal's name, age, vet and farrier information, emergency contacts, medical history including vaccinations, and current pictures. If your horse gets out during the storm you'll have something to immediately give to searchers.
- ✓ Have every horse microchipped, and ensure that the contact information is registered and correct.
- ✓ Know how barometric pressure affects your horses' guts. They are more prone to colic during hurricane events. Go to <http://horsesdaily.com/article/important-advice-equines-feeding-program-during-great-barometric-changes> for more information.
- ✓ Have duplicates of your Coggins, fact sheets, and vet records in more than one location, including your tow vehicle and trailer. If you have to evacuate you'll need these documents at the state line and/or any boarding facility.
- ✓ Plan your route in advance in case you do need to evacuate. Have a list of facilities that can accept you and your horses. If you intend to leave, you MUST do so before the wind gusts hit 40mph. You will not be allowed on an evacuation route with a high-profile vehicle/trailer after that—and it will not be safe for your trailer and horses. Consider carrying extra gas with you.
- ✓ Mark your horses! You can write your phone # on their sides with a livestock crayon, or paint your phone # on the front hooves with nail polish. Use a luggage or ID tag and weave it into the mane. Make or buy a break-away halter (NEVER the usual halter!) to place on your horse, or make or buy a break-away collar (preferably reflective) to put around the horse's neck. Write the horse's name and your phone # on the halter or collar.
- ✓ Move your tow vehicle and trailer out from under big trees. Do not leave them connected—if the trailer tips, it can take your vehicle with it and/or damage the hitch. Use mobile home tie-downs to anchor your trailer.
- ✓ Pick up all items in the yard, barn, porch etc. that could blow away or become weapons of destruction in a high wind.
- ✓ Leave your horses loose in the pasture, with access to the barn/shelter, if at all possible. If a horse is locked in a stall and the barn collapses, it is far worse than if the horse chooses to shelter in the pasture.
- ✓ Place a sturdy fly mask on the horse to protect his eyes.

After the storm:

- ✓ Be sure it's safe to go outside before you check on your horses. You do them no good if you're hit by flying debris on your way out.
- ✓ Check your horses thoroughly top to toe for any injuries as soon as possible. They are likely to be extremely skittish, so act accordingly and be aware.
- ✓ Take care of yourself; don't push too hard to clean everything up immediately. You will probably be extremely stressed and sleep deprived, and can do no good if you collapse or injure yourself by trying to do everything immediately.
- ✓ Check the fences/barn for damage as soon as possible.
- ✓ Remember that your horses are recovering from an extreme experience. Give them a long, soothing grooming. This will also help you to double-check for any injuries or sore spots, and hopefully calm their fears.
- ✓ Be careful when picking up debris. Ants and other stinging insects move into and under fallen limbs and leaves. Snakes also may be hiding in the mess.