



# 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, 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.
- **Saturday, December 2, 9:00am:** Club ride at Gator Creek. Donna Fellers, trail boss
- **Saturday, December 9, 9:00am:** Club ride at Tenoroc. Barbara Lassiter, trail boss
- **Sunday, December 10, 5:00pm:** Club Christmas party at the Charrons'
- **Sunday, December 31, 6:00pm:** New Year's Eve party at Harold Williams'. Harold will grill; bring a dish to share.
- **Monday, January 15, 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 (or designated trail boss) for club rides! If nobody responds by the Thursday night before the ride, it will be cancelled.**

- email her at [barbgeiger123@comcast.net](mailto: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

**it's party time!** Club members should have already received their emailed invitations to the **club Christmas party on 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 around \$20. Participants will receive a ticket, and as their numbers are called they may pick the gift of their choice.

Our December 2<sup>nd</sup> ride is a bit out of the ordinary—Donna Fellers will lead a **horseback birding tour** through Gator Creek (equestrian entrance off Hall Road in north Lakeland) for us! Remember that a free permit is needed; call Lisa Padgett at 863-534-7377. Have your driver's license and current Coggins handy. Your permit will be mailed to you, so don't wait too late.



We now have new business cards, hoping that every member can serve as ambassadors of the club. Carry a few with you to pass out to guests on trail rides, and any horse-related events. See Janet Schneider for your own stash.

Work on the **water line extension at Colt Creek State** should be commencing shortly, we hope. Stay tuned....

**Order your Florida Sport Horse Club T-Shirt now!** We'll be placing the order after the Christmas party.

1. T-Shirts cost \$15 each. Go to Sew Perfect's online catalog (<http://www.4logowearables.com/sewperfect>) and select your shirt color. **Remember that the logo is green & black & 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). 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.



How do you like meeting at the **Golden Corral, 4532 S. Florida Ave. in Lakeland?** Do you want to continue, or is the location not good for you? Please let us know; we'll plan to meet here again in January, but need to know whether to make it our "permanent" meeting place or try to find another. We'll be talking about it at the Christmas party, so if you can't make it and have an opinion please let us know. We don't want to exclude anybody.

The club's article and ad were published in the November **Horse & Pony**. If you haven't seen it, you can go to page 20 at [http://www.horseandponynews.com/pdf/HPNews\\_currentissue\\_sm.pdf](http://www.horseandponynews.com/pdf/HPNews_currentissue_sm.pdf).

**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.



## Tips & Activities by Members:



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**Betsy McHugh** still has a few slots in her December 2<sup>nd</sup> “Winter Warm-up Clinic” at Spring Lane Ranch in Lakeland. More information can be found at [www.springlaneranch.com](http://www.springlaneranch.com) or by calling 801-440-9172.

Our sympathies go out to **Astrid Evans**, who recently lost 2 of her 3 horses. A necropsy showed they both died of selenium poisoning; Astrid is working hard to discover the source so she can protect her remaining animal. Since her property used to be a trucking center, she’s afraid that the soil in at least part of her pasture may be contaminated.

**Ellie Crowder** is also having equine issues. Percy developed a bowed tendon in a rear leg and is out of commission for at least 6 months. She has leased her two other horses. BUT—we have it on good authority that Janet DelCastillo has offered to loan Ellie a horse for the riding season, so we hope to see Ellie on the trail soon.

**Donna Coquyt** likes using the “EquiTrack” app when she rides.

**Janet Schneider** now has a GPS tracker for her horse. After watching her horse head for the hills last year after an “involuntary dismount” and hearing about other horses lost in the wilderness, she invested in the tracker which will allow her to “ping” her horse should they become separated. A more detailed description is on the club’s website at <https://floridasporthorseclub.com/2017/11/19/trail-riders-consider-a-gps-tracker/>.

We also got to hear that when Barbara and Mike Charron met, Mike was WAY more into waterskiing than horses. He was really good with barefoot skiing and even into the pyramid formations.

And that led to **Janet DelCastillo’s** telling us that her son Nando and horses were actually filmed in a Mountain Dew commercial back in the late 1980s. The Los Angeles actor flown in couldn’t ride a horse, so Nando was drafted to ride the horse while the actor skied behind. Who was the actor? A very young Brad Pitt! See the commercial at <https://youtu.be/dtPLMr5HU1Q>.

**Donna Fellers** has learned of a new saddler in Haines City through a write-up in the November Florida Ag News. You can learn more about CJ Brown at <https://www.facebook.com/Brownssaddleshop/>.

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](mailto: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!

