



Florida Sport Horse Club Newsletter

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Calendar of Club Rides and Events:

- **Saturday, January 20, 9:30am:** Club ride at the Hampton Tract, Rock Ridge Rd. Barbara Lassiter, trail boss.
- **Saturday, January 27, 9:30am:** Club ride at Tenoroc. Barbara Lassiter, trail boss.
- **Saturday, February 3, 9:30am:** Family Fun Ride at Colt Creek State Park. Barbara Lassiter, trail boss
- **Saturday, February 10, 9:30am:** Joint club ride with Triple B at Lower Green Swamp. Barbara Lassiter, trail boss.
- **Saturday, February 17, 9:30am:** Club ride at Lake Louisa. Barbara Lassiter, trail boss.
- **Monday, February 19, 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
- 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

Colt Creek is sponsoring its first-ever horse event with its “**Family Fun Ride**” on **Saturday, February 3rd**. Many thanks go out to Park Specialist Rachel Kay for working to draw more horse people into the park; we can show our appreciation by coming out in force that day. Our club is also helping to sponsor the event by providing water to participants, and will have our banner displayed at the staging area. We hope you can come! **RSVPs are required**; Janet Schneider is collecting names for the club and will forward them to the park, so please let her know ASAP if you are coming since the number of horses is limited to 75.

New procedure! Polk County requires a **free special use permit** for riding at Marshall Hampton Reserve, Gator Creek, and Sumica. In the past users had to renew annually, and permits were good for a year from the date of request. This process is changing slightly in 2018.

- For 2018: If you currently have permits for these areas, Polk County is automatically renewing them until December 31, 2018. You should receive yours in the mail soon if you haven't already received them.
- Beginning in 2019, all permits will be renewed and valid for a calendar year of January to December (if you request a new permit in June, it will expire in December). So mark on your December 2018 calendars to call and request renewals!

For new users, call (863) 534-7377. Have your driver's license and current Coggins handy so you can give the needed information to the issuing office. Your permits will be received by mail within a few days.

Please keep **Richard Jones** in your thoughts and prayers as he recovers from a recent health issue.

Myra Bell is recovering from surgery. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers as well.



The “**Get to Know Colt Creek**” event is coming up fast on **Sunday, February 25**. The club has again agreed to provide pony rides from 1:30 to 3:00pm. Please, please, please consider helping! Last year we gave 160 rides with 11 horses....and we really, really needed more people on the ground than what we had. For a successful event, we need:

- **Dead-broke, unflappable horses**
- **Mounting blocks** (the higher the better)
- **Helmets** (as many as possible!)
- **People**—the more the merrier. Jobs available:
 - Registering riders, helping them fill out forms
 - fitting helmets on the kids (at least 2 people)
 - Strong people for the mounting blocks, to help folks off and on the horses
 - walkers (hopefully at least 2 per horse.)
 - Floaters—to relieve others at walking, fetching and carrying, helping to set up and tear down, scattering road apples, etc.

If you can help, please let Janet Schneider know (jm_schneider@msn.com) or 863-858-6848.

We now have **bumper stickers** for only \$5....



Order your Florida Sport Horse Club T-Shirt now! 14 people have already ordered theirs. Contact Janet Schneider for more information.



Tips & Activities by Members:



Judy Cloninger has a **white truck topper** for a regular-sized, short-bed truck. The cost is a donation to Judy's church's youth group.

Betsy McHugh announced that her Spring Lane Ranch is hosting the "**Practical Horsemanship Review**" on January 27 from 9am to 5pm. Topics include equine hoof health, dentistry, aquatic work for rehab and conditioning, understanding bits and tack, and veterinary care. Learn more at <http://springlaneranch.com/events/practical-horsemanship-review-clinic/>.

Betsy's ranch is also beginning weekly Pilates yoga classes every Tuesday, one at 8:30am and a second at 5:30pm. Read more and register at <http://springlaneranch.com/events/>.

For those looking for a low(ish)-cost **storage alternative**...Lincoln Moving & Storage Company in Tampa has some semi-trailers they are selling for \$2500 each. These things are not particularly road-worthy but make great storage areas for feed, hay, and tack. Lincoln can deliver the trailers provided the distance is not too great from Tampa. For more information, contact Brooks Wilkins--(813) 246-4723 or bwilkins@lincolnmoving.com.

Janet Schneider has begun using Purina's new gastric supplement "**Outlast**." It has been very successful in stopping her aged gelding's chronic diarrhea and helping him gain needed weight.

Betsy McHugh warned that a very contagious **respiratory illness** has been hitting horses very hard this year.

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!

