



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:

- **Saturday, March 24, 9:00am:** Joint club ride with Triple B at Green Swamp West. Meet at the day parking area and ride to the campground to join Triple B Riders. Trail boss Barbara Lassiter MUST be notified you're coming.
- **Saturday, March 31, 9am:** Club ride at the Hampton Tract, Rock Ridge Rd. Trail boss Barbara Lassiter
- **Saturday, April 7, 9:00am:** Joint club ride with Triple B at Lake Louisa. Meet at the equestrian day parking & ride to the campground. Trail boss, Barbara Lassiter
- **Saturday, April 14, 9:00am:** Club ride at Marshall Hampton Reserve, Thornhill Rd. Trail boss, Barbara Lassiter
- **Monday, April 16, 6:00pm:** Club dinner and monthly meeting, **Golden Corral**, 4532 S Florida Ave., Lakeland.
- **Saturday, April 21, 9:30am: Richard Jones Memorial Ride**, Tenoroc. Details below. Trail boss, Barbara Lassiter

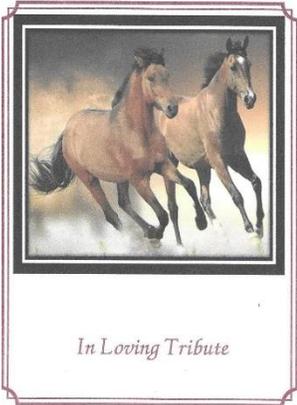
Please RSVP Barbara Lassiter (or designated trail boss) for club rides! If nobody responds by the Thursday night before the ride, it will be cancelled.

- 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



Richard Jones was one of those folks who was always around. He was at almost every meeting, event, and—before his health failed—every ride. We were privileged to share in the celebration of Richard Jones' life on March 1st, as many

people from the horse community came to share stories; our own president, Mike Charron, told how Richard—a past president of both our club and Triple B as well as a long-term member of the Osceola Trail Ride—ALWAYS came out to help both individuals and the club. We always knew where Richard's opinion lay on any topic. But whether he agreed with us or not, he stood ready to do what he could to mentor new riders, guide us down unknown trails, lead horses for others or assist in the campgrounds. He offered to care for horses when owners were away. He cleared and marked trails, built picnic tables for our riding areas, and was a constant presence in the equine portion of our lives. We are grateful to have known him, and he will live on in our memories as we ride the trails he loved.

We will honor Richard with his own special ride on Saturday, April 21 at Tenoroc. Please spread the word to ALL Richard's comrades, and let's make this a ride to remember! Be mounted and ready to ride at 9:30am; after the ride, we'll have a small ceremony with Triple B members to mount the table plate the clubs jointly purchased to permanently mark the place Richard most loved to ride. A cookout is planned; please bring your own drinks, and maybe a dish to share.



WELCOME to new members **Sheree Still** and **Cindy Jones!** **Sheree** is owner of *HORSEPOWER Equine Bodywork and Magna-Wave Therapy*, and travels all of Florida and other states helping horses. She has a very nice quarter horse, Super, and has ridden with the club several times. **Cindy** took up riding upon retirement so she could share horses with her granddaughter. She takes lessons from our own Kathy Grinstead and has a paso fino named Caramel.

For the last few years the club has supported Laura Branch and the **Polk City Summer Reading Program** by providing "pony rides" for enrolled kids. The date for this year's event is **Monday, June 18th, from 9:00am to 10:30am.** The location is at Freedom Park, at the corner of Berkley Road and Hwy. 33 (also known as Commonwealth Ave.) in Polk City. Laura's hope in setting the time so early is that we will beat the summer heat, preserving both horses and people. We have had such a great turnout from FSHC members for this event in previous years; thank you to all of you who have helped! The kids look forward to the horses all year long. Please contact Laura Branch (970-372-9032) with any questions and to let her know you can help.

Nobody realizes the amount of work that goes into the club's **pony rides** at an event like **the "Get to Know Colt Creek"** held on February 25th. 27 club members, friends and relatives brought 12 horses and gave rides to 135 individuals—and some kids took more than 1 ride. The number of members who came out in what was a VERY warm day and put those smiles on people's faces was absolutely heart-warming. While everybody was wonderful, we DO want to highlight:

- Our fearless leader Mike Charron (of course), who did the bulk of the mounting/dismounting—and in full sun with some very "healthy" people.

- Those who brought their horses--Mary Futch Judy Cloninger, Donna Coquyt (and Susan Buchanon who picked Senator and Donna up), Laura Branch, Melody Cazort, Janet Del Castillo, and Myra Bell.
- Karen Turbeville, who was out there around 9:15 and helped to set up our area. She also used her truck to move people and supplies back and forth from the parking to the pony rides.
- Kathy Grinstead and Judy Cloninger, who ensured we had enough helmets for all the kids.
- The spouses and friends who came out-- Steve Lassiter, Ben Cazort, Sammie Turbeville, Stacey, Mary Lou Waugh (from Triple B--maybe she'll join us also!), Susan's niece Kyleigh, Melody's friend Chancey Tong, and another young lady.....

There was a very nice article in the Lakeland Ledger the next day that featured the club. Check it out at <http://www.theledger.com/news/20180225/colt-creek-state-park-event-draws-hundreds>

The club has traditionally done **fundraising** each year to benefit at least one of our riding areas. Thoughts offered at the March meeting include investigating whether the day parking at the Hampton Tract can be improved; getting a water source at the Hampton Tract day parking for horses; or getting a water source at the Marshall Hampton parking area. Do you have other projects you feel the club should consider?

A former member of the club, **Virginia Stultz**, has passed on. Please keep Virginia's family in your thoughts and prayers.

The 6th Annual Poker Run/Camp Out

Poker Run will be held April 7th at DuPuis Camping April 6th thru 8th at 23500 SW Kanner Highway, Gate 3, Canal Point, FL 33438. First out will be at 10am, last at 11am. Registration after March 20th is \$35 for 1st hand. Last date to register, April 7th. For details contact Contact Jamie Wilson [954-328-5697](tel:954-328-5697), jamie@gaitedtrailriders.com

Mary Cay Swenson [561-313-8618](tel:561-313-8618), jupiterbeagle@gmail.com or Judy Spillman [561-746-3875](tel:561-746-3875), dreamridersmk@comcast.net

South Creek Foxhounds is holding a **Hunter Pace on Sunday, April 15th** beginning at 8am at Alafia River State Park. You do not have to pre-register.

Details

- Riders & drivers of all ages are welcome to participate
- Teams of at least 2 riders / drivers are required.
- Singles are welcome! We'll team you up with a partner
- Registration fee: \$40. per rider *
- Start: First riders out by 8AM
- Endurance Riders out by 9AM
- Last rider out by 11AM
- Check in at the registration desk.
- Plenty of parking and water is available
- Concession stand by the South Creek Foxhounds
- Harness helmets are required (smart!)

We've had to order more **bumper stickers!** if you want one, they are only \$5 each. Contact Janet Schneider.



Barbara Charron heard that there have been a number of **smash-and-grabs** at the Hampton Tract day parking. It's always a good idea to hide anything of value in your vehicles and lock your trailers whenever you ride out. If nothing can be seen, thieves may leave your rig alone.



Tips & Activities by Members:



There's been a lot of great riding going on. **Judy Cloninger** and **Janet Schneider** spent a weekend at the Greenway, riding at Ross Prairie, the Landbridge, and Shangri-La. It was Janet's first time, and she plans to return.

Barbara Lassiter and **Judy** found a nice place at the **Black Horse Resort Ranch** in Umatilla. The ranch has hookups for RVs and live-in trailers and a few cabins for rent, as well as stalls and paddocks for the horses. (<https://www.blackhorsesortranch.com/>)

Members on the latest Lower Green Swamp club ride marveled at the deer calmly munching along the trail. The deer at this preserve are famous for ignoring horses, so we can get up close and personal without even trying.

Judy Cloninger warns that the **Rosary Pea** is dangerous to horses and very common in Marion County as well as other parts of Florida. Read more about it at <https://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/plant-directory/abrus-precatorius/>.



Bitter melon was also discussed, and one member thought it was poisonous. It is not, and in fact is frequently cultivated and eaten in Asia, Africa and the Caribbean. It can, however, take over fences. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Momordica_charantia.

Janet Schneider has placed **paint screens** in her water buckets and troughs after seeing them used at Shangri-La. If a squirrel or lizard falls into the bucket, it can use the screen to climb out—so there should be no floating dead varmints to contaminate the water.



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!



Florida Sport Horse Club, Inc
Membership New/Renewal Form
20__ to 20__



Please complete the form and return it with your check, payable to the Florida Sport Horse Club,
by September 30. Welcome to our club!

Name(s) _____ **Single** **\$15.00**
_____ **Family** **\$25.00**

Joining before September 30? Add a 1-year subscription to Horse & Pony for an extra \$10. Yes_____

Total paid: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ **Birthday:** _____

Home phone: _____ **Cell:** _____

Emergency contact name & phone: _____

For and in consideration of the activities, services and fees paid, Participant hereby does forever and finally release, remise, acquit, satisfy and forever discharge the Florida Sport Horse Club, Inc. (FSHC) of and from all manner of action and actions, cause and causes of action, suit, debts, dues, sums of money, bonds, billings, contracts executions, claims and demands whatsoever, in law or in equity, which may arise for or against the FSHC for the activities of the Association. This document is meant to be a full and complete release from any and all liability that may arise from participating in the activities of the FSHC. The Participant gives this release freely and voluntarily.

Signed (include legal guardian if under 19 years of age) **Date**

Other Family Member(s) **Date**

Please submit this form and your membership fee to:

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Polk City, FL 33868
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