



# 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, April 21, 9:30am: Richard Jones Memorial Ride**, Tenoroc. Details below. Trail boss Barbara Lassiter
- **Saturday, April 28, 9:00am:** Club ride at Marshall Hampton Reserve, Thornhill Rd. Trail boss Barbara Lassiter
- **Saturday, May 5, 9am:** Club ride at Lower Green Swamp. Trail boss Melody Cazort
- **Saturday, May 12, 9am:** Club ride at the Hampton Tract, Rock Ridge Rd. Trail boss Melody Cazort
- **Saturday, May 19, 9am:** Club ride at Alafia River State Park. Trail bosses, Kathy Grinstead, Cindy Jones & Susan Buchanan
- **Monday, May 21, 6:00pm:** Club dinner and monthly meeting, **Golden Corral**, 4532 S Florida Ave., Lakeland.

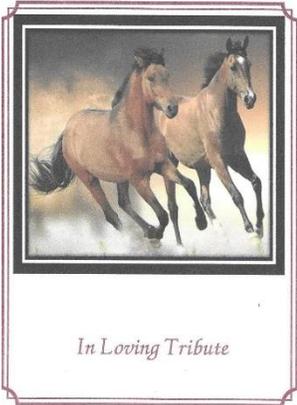
**Please RSVP Barbara Lassiter (or designated trail boss) for club rides! If nobody responds by the Thursday night before the ride, it will be cancelled.**

- email Barbara 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



**We will honor Richard Jones 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.

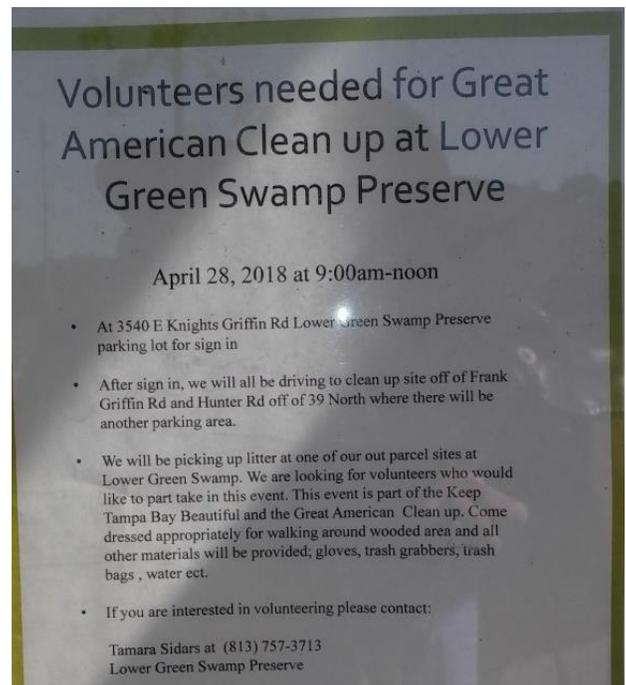


**We're going to have a special speaker at our May meeting!** Bridgette, staff member at the Polk County Cooperative Extension Office, has agreed to give us a short talk on some of **the poisonous plants** we find in our pastures and riding areas. Please mark your calendars and invite any friends who might be interested to attend as well. Thanks go to Susan Buchanon for arranging for this special speaker.

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. 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.

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. Mike Charron and Karen Turbeville are following up on both of these possibilities and will keep club members apprised of developments.

**Lower Green Swamp Preserve is having another volunteer day on April 28.** While it isn't in our riding area, your time and efforts will be greatly appreciated. Manager Karen Warren has been very generous to the horse community, and this is an opportunity to help.



Barbara and Steve Lassiter have again offered to host our **August membership BBQ and meeting**. Please come to the May meeting **ready to vote** on either Saturday, August 4, or Saturday, August 11.

Richard Jones' nephews know how much the club meant to him. They have donated 4 very nice prints through Donna Fellers, which will be sold. The money will then be added to the club's treasury for use on special projects. THANKS to Donna for bringing this to us, and Barbara Charron for volunteering to do the research.

Judy Cloninger and Janet Schneider attended a "Mounted Self-Defense" class at Suncoast Equine at Emerald Oaks Ranch in Webster on April 14<sup>th</sup>. It was well worth the time; Janet shared some of the information at the April meeting. She has compiled a document of the tips that will be sent out to members via email; it will also be posted on the club's web page under "Useful Documents." You can view a short video of similar material at <http://www.horsenation.com/2015/03/31/mounted-self-defense-know-how-to-protect-yourself-on-horseback/>.

South Creek Foxhounds is holding a **Hunter Pace on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>** 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!)

**Biting flies** are starting to appear in force along our trails. Please be sure to spray your horse (and you) well before riding!

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



**Tips & Activities by Members:**



The bugs are starting to come back in force.

**Bobby Hancock's sage advice:** Never go to a horse sale with a trailer.

**Melody Cazort and Myra Bell** had a grand time at Hope Equine Rescue's recent open house.

**Janet Del Castillo** will be attending a special **Kentucky Derby party and fundraiser** on May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Rocking H Ranch in Lakeland. It's pricy, but elegant and for a good cause. You can find more information on it at <https://www.tampabaynewswire.com/2017/04/10/kentucky-derby-day-fundraiser-for-catholic-charities-anti-hunger-youth-and-senior-programs-saturday-may-6-at-rocking-h-ranch-in-lakeland-56224>.

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!



**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**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.

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

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**Other Family Member(s)**      **Date**

Please submit this form and your membership fee to:

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**9210 Evans Road**  
**Polk City, FL 33868**  
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**\*\*The newsletter is sent electronically and is posted on the club's web page each month. If you do not have access to email or Internet, please contact the Club Secretary so it can be snail-mailed to you.**