

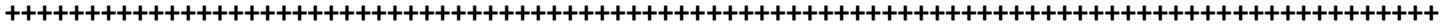


Florida Sport Horse Club Newsletter

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Calendar of Club Rides and Events:

NOTE: we'll have a smaller ride schedule until September, when the heat and bugs diminish. Email or message members for any pickup rides!

- **Saturday, May 26, 8:00am:** Club ride at Lower Green Swamp. Sheree Still, trail boss
- **Saturday, June 2, 9am:** Club ride at Lake Louisa. Mike & Barbara Charron, trail bosses
- **Monday, June 18, 9am-10:30am:** Polk City Library pony rides
- **Monday, June 18, 6:00pm:** Special speaker Katie Hennessey, Polk Equine, and club dinner with monthly meeting, **Golden Corral**, 4532 S Florida Ave., Lakeland.
- **Saturday, August 4, 5pm:** Annual club barbeque at the Lassiters

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
- 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>.

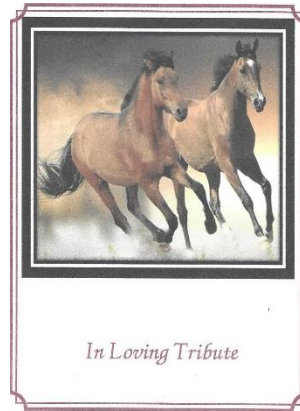
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The **Polk City Summer Reading Program** “pony rides” for enrolled kids is approaching quickly! The date for this year’s event is **Monday, June 18th, from 9:00am to 10:30am**. The location is at Freedom Park, at the corner of Berkley Road and Hwy. 33 (also known as Commonwealth Ave.) in Polk City. Laura Branch will bring a hose, and there will be a few buckets so that the horses have access to enough water. Please contact Laura (970-372-9032) with any questions and to let her know you can help. A few of us are planning to go to the Country Angels restaurant in Polk City after the event, to bask in the air conditioning and drink LOTS of very cold iced tea while eating lunch.

Katie Hennessey, veterinarian at Polk Equine in Lake Wales, will be our **guest and special speaker at our June 18th meeting!** Please spread the word and mark your calendar.

Our **August membership BBQ and meeting** will be Saturday, August 4 at 5pm at Barbara and Steve Lassiter’s home. **Please extend the invitation to any interested horse people!** As always, the club will provide the meat and drinks; members are asked to bring a dish to share. We do ask that you RSVP, if at all possible, so that we know how much food to prepare.

Our special speaker at the May meeting was Bridget Stice, staff member at the Polk County Cooperative Extension Office. She gave a great talk on some of the **poisonous plants** we find in our pastures and riding areas, and even passed out posters and a couple of other documents. Thanks go to Susan Buchanon for arranging for this special speaker. Janet Schneider has 5 extra posters on the poisonous plants, as well as handouts on creeping indigo and what pesticides to use on the various weeds. Please email Janet if you’d like one. Some of the information Bridget provided will be posted on the club’s web page.

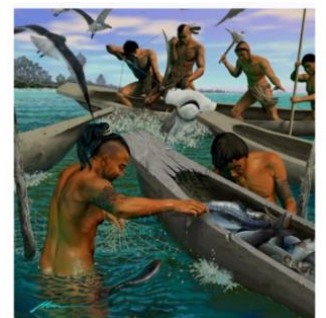


The ride for Richard Jones on Saturday, April 21 was really nice! We had a great turnout of club members, and some folks from Triple B came out. Tenoroc manager Danon Moxley let us use the pavilion; Steve Lassiter did a FABULOUS job with the pulled pork, and Sammie

Turbeville, Frank Pak and Ben Cazort helped Steve guard the food at the pavilion until all the riders came back. Donna Fellers provided some lovely table decorations, and Karen Turbeville produced the plate that was placed on the parking area’s picnic table to honor Richard. With all the potluck food that people provided, we had a feast in which Richard would have delighted.

Our esteemed club **President Mike Charron** has been told that we will NOT be able to get **water at the Hampton Tract** because there has been too much vandalism at the parking area. Mike has also been ping-ponging between SWFWMD Lead Land Use Specialist Colleen Kruk and Polk County Parks Manager Gaye Sharpe about getting **water at the Marshall Hampton Reserve**. SWFWMD owns the land but Polk County manages the Reserve, so both organizations need to agree before the project could commence. At the present time neither side seems willing to offer an opinion or support.

Richard Jones’ nephews know how much the club meant to him. They donated 4 very nicely framed **prints by Hermann Trappman** through Donna Fellers, which will be sold. The money will then be

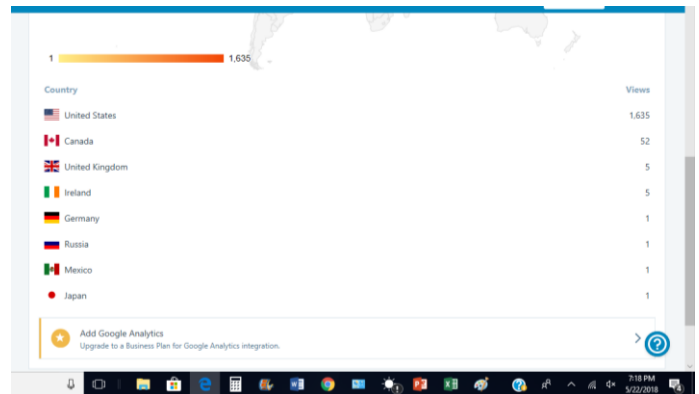


added to the club's treasury for use on special projects. THANKS to Donna for her efforts in bringing these to us, and Barbara Charron for volunteering to do the research. The prints can be bought by club members at half the estimated value; if interested, please call Barbara C.

We've had some really great club rides lately, with new people riding with us and (sometimes) joining the club. YOU are the club's ambassadors, and it is through your welcoming attitude that we attract new members. Most of the club's rides have pictures posted on our Facebook page, and have been very popular. If you meet new people on the trail, invite them to come to a meeting or "like" us on Facebook.

Our club's Facebook page now has 251 followers, which is pretty stunning considering the number of members. The club's web page, also, has received an incredible number of "hits" from many

countries over the last year. We may be a small club, but we are one of the best! One of our Facebook videos was even picked up by the national Paso Fino Horse Association. Thanks go to Janet Schneider and Karen Turbeville, as well as other members who post pictures to our Facebook page, for helping to make our Internet presence a success. If YOU take pictures of a club event, please feel free to share them to our page.



Tips & Activities by Members:



Donna Fellers is facing surgery at Lakeland Regional Health Medical Center on June 4th.

Janet Del Castillo just had knee replacement surgery. Please send her your best wishes and hopes for a speedy recovery!

Barbara and Steve Lassiter are off to Italy for vacation.

Janet Schneider is headed to France for 3 weeks—she warns that her email and Facebook access will be very limited. She will happily raise a glass of wine to each club member some time during the trip.

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:

Susan Buchanon
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