



Florida Sport Horse Club Newsletter

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Dedicated to trail riding and the preservation of the many riding areas in Central Florida.

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!

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- **Saturday, August 11, 8:30am:** Club ride at Tenoroc. Karen Turbeville, trail boss
- **Saturday, August 18, 9:00am:** Club ride at Marshall Hampton. Mike & Barbara Charron, trail bosses
- **Saturday, August 25, 8:30am:** Club ride at Tenoroc. Barbara Lassiter, trail boss
- **Saturday, September 8, 9:00am:** Club ride at Lake Louisa. Susan Buchanon, trail boss
- **Monday, September 17, 6:00pm:** Club dinner with 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
- 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

Welcome to **new members Karen Sidell, Cindy Gundling-Tucker, and Sandy Domanski!** We look forward to meeting them all on the trail, and getting to know them and their horses.

Our annual **August BBQ membership meeting** was at Barbara and Steve Lassiter's home. It was wonderful, as always—they are eternally gracious hosts, and Steve's pork ribs (and grilled baloney!) were delicious. Some pictures are posted on the club's Facebook page; others are in this newsletter.

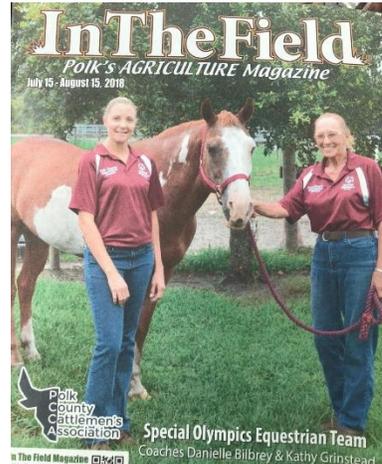
August has started our new club year. Please remember that if you want another year of Horse & Pony, it must be paid by the September meeting. The membership form is attached to this newsletter.

Our **2018-2019 officer elections** were held at the August barbeque. Funny thing, your "new" officers look suspiciously like your "seasoned" (never old!) officers:

- Mike Charron, President
- Barbara Lassiter, VP for Trails
- Susan Buchanon, Treasurer
- Janet Schneider, Secretary

To our membership: thank you! You were INCREDIBLY generous in providing gift cards for your officers. While it is (generally) a labor of love for them, the cards help to "sweeten" some of the more challenging aspects of the positions. It gives us all a very warm fuzzy glow!

One of the 4 **prints by Hermann Trappman** has been sold, with 3 to go. The prints can be bought by club members at half the estimated value; Barbara Charron brought them to the BBQ where they were admired. Barbara is looking for somebody to help her sell them, since the money will benefit the club.



Congratulations to **Kathy Grinstead** and her team for their first successful year in coaching the **Polk County Special Olympics Equestrian program!** The 2 teams of Olympians made great progress; there will be 4 teams instead

of just 2 in September with the start of the second year. People are needed to be walkers as well as a variety of other jobs, so please spread the word to all your friends. Practices will be at the Rocking W Ranch, 5247 Rifle Range Rd., Bartow, on Thursdays and Sundays from 4:00-6:00pm. You can also donate money to the program at <https://www.gofundme.com/special-olympics-equestrian-team>.

When people start riding out more in cooler weather, how about hanging around after the club rides for **lunch** and socializing? It's a great way to keep up on our friends, as well as introducing ourselves to those guests who may join us. We may even try doing a potluck kind of thing once a quarter! Stay tuned....

Janet Schneider attended an initial meeting of the Herky Huffman/Bull Creek Wildlife Management Area Advisory Group to prepare a 10-year management for the 23,000+ acre public land in Osceola County. It is just over a 1-hour drive from Lakeland, is mostly pine flatwoods and contains almost 20 trail miles. There is also an expansive campground. Hunting takes over for most of the best riding weather, which would eliminate hikers and horses for that time. There are no viable parking options for horse trailers at the present

time. Janet presented the needs of equestrians to the group on August 1st; all user comments will be used in revising the draft plan. The revised plan will be reviewed by the Advisory Group before it will be released for public comment. A hearing, open to the public, will be held September 20 in Kissimmee for further review and input.



You can read more about Bull Creek at <http://myfwc.com/viewing/recreation/wmas/lead/herky-huffmanbull-creek/>.

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Tips & Activities by Members:



Donna Fellers spotted a horse-drawn funeral hearse in Winter Haven recently—not a usual site on Havendale Blvd.!

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 <https://floridasporthorseclub.com/>. Happy Trails, where we hope to see you soon!

Florida Sport Horse Club 2017-2018 Year-End Report

It's always good to look back at the past year to see the club's activities and accomplishments. We may be a small club, but we do a LOT!

- 🐾 Welcomed new members:
 - Myra Bell
 - Betsy McHugh
 - Nancy Young & granddaughter Charlene Pate
 - Frank & Penny Pak
 - Sheree Still
 - Cindy Jones
 - John & Louise Short
 - Kathy Smehyl
- 🐾 Ordered 2-color t-shirt decals so that members could order shirts individually rather than in bulk
- 🐾 Worked with Triple B to complete the Colt Creek Equestrian campground water line extension
- 🐾 Placed an ad in the 2018 Osceola Trail Ride program
- 🐾 Survived Hurricane Irma—published a hurricane tips sheet for horse owners on the club web page
- 🐾 Published articles in Horse & Pony:
 - “Why do people join horse clubs?” November 2017
 - “The bridge at Lower Green Swamp” August 2018
- 🐾 Ordered new business cards
- 🐾 Acquired new business cards, bumper stickers, 2 flags and a new banner for club events
- 🐾 Sponsored and volunteered at Colt Creek State Park's Family Fun Ride held on February 3 (50 riders)
- 🐾 Lost Richard Jones; held a memorial ride for him at Tenoroc, and in conjunction with Triple B placed memorial plates on the picnic tables
- 🐾 Provided pony rides at Colt Creek's 5th annual “Get to Know Colt Creek” event held on February 25. (135 individual riders)
- 🐾 Received publicity in the form of a Lakeland Ledger article on the Colt Creek event, published on February 26. Several club members were featured
- 🐾 Held educational sessions at 3 monthly meetings:
 - Mounted self-defense (Janet Schneider)
 - Poisonous pasture plants (Briget Stice)
 - Common veterinary concerns (Katie Hennessey)
- 🐾 Gave pony rides at the Polk City Library Summer reading program (123 individuals)
- 🐾 Volunteered at Lower Green Swamp's pine planting on July 14
- 🐾 Assisted Lower Green Swamp staff to spreading the news about erosion at the creeks via the newsletter, Facebook & web page
- 🐾 Increased Facebook followers from 170 on August 15, 2017 to 293 as of July 23, 2018
- 🐾 Increased the number of riders coming out for weekly rides; more guests are appearing as well
- 🐾 Provided the equestrian viewpoint in the development of the 10-year management plan for the Herky Huffman/Bull Creek WMA in Osceola County



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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**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.