



Florida Sport Horse Club Newsletter

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Calendar of Club Rides and Events:

NOTE: Email or message members for any pickup rides!

- **Saturday, November 24, 9:00am:** Club ride at the Hampton Tract, Rock Ridge Road
- **Saturday, December 8, 9:00am:** Club ride at Lower Green Swamp
- **Sunday, December 9, 5pm:** Christmas party at the Charrons'.
- **Saturday, December 15, 9:00am:** Club ride at Marshall Hampton Reserve, Thornhill Road
- **Saturday, December 22, 9:00am:** Club ride at Tenoroc
- **Saturday, December 29, 9:00am:** Club ride at Colt Creek State Park
- **Saturday, January 5, 9:00am:** Club ride at the Hampton Tract, Rock Ridge Road
- **Saturday, January 12, 9:00am:** Club ride at Marshall Hampton Reserve, Thornhill Road
- **Saturday, January 19, 9:30am:** Club ride at Lake Kissimmee State Park
- **Monday, January 21, 6:00pm:** Club dinner with monthly meeting, **Golden Corral**, 4532 S Florida Ave., Lakeland.
- **Sunday, March 3, 1:30-3pm:** Pony rides at Colt Creek

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

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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 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

Our **Christmas party** will be Sunday, December 9th at the Charrons'. The club will provide drinks, turkey and ham; **members are asked to bring a dish** to share. Family members and guests are welcome, as always; an electronic invitation will be going out shortly to club members, so we can figure out how much meat to buy. It's NOT required, but consider bringing an un-wrapped small nice gift you'd like to get that can be used in our usual door prize drawing. It's always good when we have enough that everybody gets something cute. Check the club roster for the address; call the Charrons at 863-206-7900 for more information.

REMINDER: There is no regular meeting in December!

There was discussion at Monday's meeting about liability insurance for horse owners. Many homeowner policies won't cover accidents caused by horses getting out on the road, injuries caused by your horse, etc. Janet DelCastillo mentioned that the National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association has a liability insurance available to members for the \$200 membership fee and \$90 per horse (minimum premium \$180). From its web page (<https://nationalhbpa.com/fag-items/what-is-the-owners-and-trainers-liability-program/>), it MAY apply only to professionals. There is more information, including the names of a few companies offering policies, at <https://www.equinelegalsolutions.com/insurance-for-horse-owners.html>.

We are looking for educational topics for upcoming meetings! What interests you? Do you have any ideas for speakers? If so, please tell Mike Charron.



Reminder: bumper stickers are \$5.00 each!

Save the Date! We will be giving pony rides again at the annual "Get to Know Colt Creek" event, which will be on Sunday, March 3rd. We will begin at 1:30pm, and end at 3pm. We'll be in the same place we were last year, between the Middle Lakes parking area and the Great Blue Heron pavilion. LOTS of help will be needed, as usual:

- 2 people at registration
- 2 people to fit helmets
- At least 2 people at the mounting blocks
- At least 2 (and preferably) 3 people per horse; a leader, a walker—and with some riders, 2 walkers are needed. Extra "floaters" to give walkers a break once in a while
- Somebody to drive a truck between the parking area and the pony ride area, to ferry supplies and people back and forth
- Somebody stationed in the Middle Lakes area with a walkie-talkie who can tell us at the pony rides when the truck is needed back in the parking area to load up supplies

ALSO NEEDED:

- Horses! Must be extremely calm, and used to crowds and activities
- Helmets
- A couple of mounting blocks—the taller the better (Janet S. has a 4-step she will bring)

We'll be instituting a few extra "rules" this year, based on previous years' experiences:

1. No riders over 200 pounds
2. ALL riders, regardless of age, must wear helmets
3. Each rider must accept assistance to mount and dismount

Janet Del Castillo has graciously consented to make a sign that we can post at registration with these rules.

The Friends of Colt Creek will be providing a hot dog lunch to all comers, You may want to come early to eat and listen to music. We'll forward details as we get them.

How about a camping trip? The weekend of February 22-24 has been suggested, and several folks have suggested Black Horse Ranch Resort. Stay tuned....

Good news! You can now request your free **2019 Special Use Permit** from Polk County's Parks & Natural Resources Office for equestrian access to Marshall Hampton Reserve, Sumica and Gator Creek. Just call Lisa at (863) 534-7377; tell her if it's a renewal or new request. Renewals require the date of your horse's current Coggins; new requests, please have your driver's license number, horse's name and Coggins date handy. Lisa will mail your permit out within a few days of your request. Permits are good for one year, from January through December.

There are new plastic water troughs in the Colt Creek equestrian campground, thanks to the Friends!



New riders have joined us on a number of recent rides. Most seem to have learned about the club through our Facebook page. If you see unfamiliar faces as we prepare to ride out, please introduce yourself and invite them to club activities. People are welcome to ride with us a few times before they decide whether they want to become a member. Of course, anyone showing up regularly should be encouraged to officially join the club.

You are encouraged to bring a lunch to club rides. Let the horses relax for a few minutes before loading up and heading home; you can catch up with your riding buddies as well as learn more about guests who may join us. We may even try doing a potluck kind of thing once a quarter!



Tips & Activities by Members:



Myra Bell is still having back issues. We miss her and wish her well.

Lots of folks have been active on the trails. A number of club members spent a weekend camping at Shangri La; Louise, Susan, Karen S. and Cindy J. did a weekend Extreme Obstacle at Black Horse Ranch. Janet S., Judy, Mary F. and Mary Lou had fun at Little Manatee's Treasure Hunt this past weekend. It's a great time to ride in Florida.

Janet Schneider has found an inexpensive way to keep her boots smelling fresh. Mix ½ cup baking soda and ½ cup cornstarch. Add a few drops of essential oil, if desired. Cut 4 10" squares of fabric (or use an old handkerchief)—the material must be dense enough to keep the powder inside). Place about ¼ cup of your mixture on each fabric square, and tie closed. Use 1 or 2 sachets per boot, depending on the stink factor.



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 <https://floridasporthorseclub.com/>. 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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