



# Florida Sport Horse Club Newsletter

## December 2018

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### Calendar of Club Rides and Events:

**NOTE: Email or message members for any pickup rides!**

- **Saturday, December 15, 9:00am:** Club ride at Marshall Hampton Reserve, Thornhill Road. Trail Bosses Barbara & Mike Charron
- **Saturday, December 22, 9:00am:** Club ride at Tenoroc. Trail Bosses Barbara & Mike Charron
- **Saturday, December 29, 9:00am:** Club ride at Colt Creek State Park—**we need a leader for this ride!**
- **Saturday, January 5, 9:00am:** Club ride at the Hampton Tract, Rock Ridge Road. Trail Boss Barbara Lassiter
- **Saturday, January 12, 9:00am:** Club ride at Marshall Hampton Reserve, Thornhill Road. Trail Boss Barbara Lassiter
- **Saturday, January 19, 9:30am:** Club ride at Lake Kissimmee State Park. Trail Boss Barbara Lassiter
- **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

**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 863-698-4512
- 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>.

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

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# News

It's hard to believe we're at the end of another year. We've had many, many good times in our rides and other activities. We celebrated Richard Jones' life with a special ride at Tenoroc, and shared our horses with pony rides at Colt Creek and Polk City. We have worked to improve our riding areas through work parties. Many members have shared their personal joys and challenges, and we've been privileged to share in happy events (like new grandchildren and horses) and support those who needed it. Our club is only as good as the people in it, and (as your appreciative newsletter editor) I feel blessed to be a part of this group. It is rare to find a club whose members are so universally supportive, and I am grateful for each and every one of you.

Our **Christmas party** was WONDERFUL! Barbara and Mike obviously did a huge amount of work decorating their house to provide a warm home for us. Barbara cooked a huge turkey, and Susan Buchanon brought a very tasty ham. There were many moans of joy at all the dishes brought by members....we may need to start a recipe club to join our horse activities! It was a joy to see Myra back, and we met Jane Gavin for the first time. Janet DelCastillo brought a relative from Venezuela, and several non-horse spouses were gracious to come as well. Pictures are posted on another page.

**REMINDER: There is no regular meeting in December!**

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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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....

If you need an animal sitter while you're away, give Susie Jacobs a call at 863-325-6007. She'll take care of your horses, dogs, cats and more.

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.

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!

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

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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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