



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, February 23, 9:00am:** Club ride at Tenoroc Trail bosses Mike & Barbara Charron
- **Saturday, March 2, 9:00am:** Club ride at Marshall Hampton Reserve, Thornhill Rd. Trail boss Barbara Lassiter
- **Sunday, March 3, 1:30-3pm:** Pony rides at Colt Creek
- **Saturday, March 9, 9:00am:** Club ride at Lower Green Swamp. Trail boss TBD.
- **Saturday, March 16, 9:00am:** Club ride at the Hampton Tract, Rock Ridge Road. Trail Boss Barbara Lassiter
- **Monday, March 18, 6:00pm:** Club dinner with monthly meeting, **Golden Corral**, 4532 S Florida Ave., Lakeland.
- **Friday-Sunday, March 29-31:** Club campout at Colt Creek. Organized ride Saturday, 9am, from the Equestrian Campground.

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 863-698-4512
- 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>.

News



ALL HANDS ON DECK! We will be giving pony rides again at the annual “Get to Know Colt Creek” event on Sunday, March 3rd from 1:30 to 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; positions already filled are:

- Registration (Barbara L., and Penny Pak)
- Mounting blocks: Mike and Frank (**an extra couple of people would be good**)
- Transportation coordinator: Sammie Turbeville (will ferry people and supplies from the parking area to the pony ride area)
- 2 people to fit helmets: **Still needed**

We have either 8 or 9 horses signed up to come, which is great. A few more would be better.

Right now we have 21 volunteers coming. Again, more would be better. It’s surprising how busy we stay!

We have 3 good mounting blocks and hopefully will have enough helmets.

Pulled pork sandwiches will be brought down to us, which is great—but also means if I don’t have an accurate count, somebody may miss out. 😊

We ask that everybody be there and on “station” by 1:00pm, which will give us all time to get oriented and organized.

Dr. LuJean Waters of Heartland Large Animal Service, Bartow will be our guest speaker at our March 18 meeting. Get your questions ready, and come out for an interesting evening!

WELCOME to our new members:

- **Debra Massie** has joined us on a few club rides, and was a huge help at the Fun Ride. She and her 6-year-old Arab “Hamlet” will be moving from Valrico to north Lakeland soon.
- **Delbert, Patricia and Molly Jones**, from Haines City, have a pair of quarter horses. They have been following us on Facebook and met some of us at the Colt Creek Fun Ride.

We look forward to having these folks join us on the trail!

Colt Creek State Park’s 2nd **Family Fun Ride** was a lot of fun, and the 59 riders deemed it a success.

We need to give a big shout-out to our volunteers:

- **Karen Tubeville, Mistress of Coordination**
- **Barbara & Steve Lassiter**
- **Ronica Neely**
- **Donna Fellers (who also scored us some of the prizes)**
- **Sammie Turbeville**
- **Frank Pak**
- **Judy Cloninger**
- **Debra Massie**
- **Mary Lou Waugh & friend Palma**
- **Janet Schneider**

We also had 4 “honorary” members for the day: Aubrey Haynie and Scott Jansen from Triple B, Gerry Von Ehr, and Dave White (photographer).

Our first organized **camping trip** in a few years has been set for Friday to Sunday, March 29-31. We’ll go to Colt Creek, which is close enough to allow day riders to come in for Saturday’s ride.

The public meeting for **the Crooked Lake Wildlife and Environmental Area Management Advisory Group** for its proposed 10-year management plan will be **Thursday, February 21, at 7pm at the Polk County Administration Building (330 Church St, Room 431, Bartow FL)**. A big turnout of horse

people would be great. Many of the suggestions submitted by Mike Charron, Karen Turbeville and Janet Schneider were incorporated into the draft plan.



Club members came out to show their support of Colt Creek at the Friends of Colt Creek Annual public meeting on January 31st. In fact, we were the major stakeholder group in attendance! It makes a real difference when we show up in numbers. Thanks to all who came.

Mike, Barbara and Melody recently rode from Colt Creek into the Hampton Tract, and discovered that the horse/hiking trails had been disked so badly that they were virtually impossible. The day

parking area off Rock Ridge Road is also in major need of repair, as it becomes very mucky in even slightly wet weather. Mike, Melody and Karen will work together to contact SWFWMD to ask for changes to be made.

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.

New riders have joined us on a number of recent rides. 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 invited 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:



The club ride at Marshall Hampton on February 16 had some interesting moments. A large bull has been hanging out on the Panther Point trail for a couple of weeks, even though Polk Parks has been notified. Mike also caught a picture of a large alligator eating a smaller one.

Myra Bell is back on the trail! We're glad to see her.

Janet Del Castillo publicly thanked **Mike Charron** for moving a very large shed for her. Another reason to love our club—people really help each other!

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.

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!



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20__ to 20__



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_____ **Family** **\$25.00**

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Total paid: _____

Address: _____

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