



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, March 23, 9:00am:** Club ride at Catfish Creek. Trail bosses Mike & Barbara Charron
- **Friday-Sunday, March 29-31:** Club campout at Colt Creek. Organized ride Saturday, 9am, from the Equestrian Campground.
- **Saturday, April 6, 9:00am:** Club ride Lower Green Swamp. Trail boss Susan Buchanan
- **Saturday, April 13, 9:30am:** Club ride at Lake Louisa. Trail bosses, Mike & Barbara Charron
- **Monday, April 15, 6:00pm:** Club dinner with monthly meeting, **Golden Corral**, 4532 S Florida Ave., Lakeland.
- **Saturday, April 20, 9:00am:** Club ride at Marshall Hampton Reserve, Thornhill Rd. Trail Bosses Barbara & Mike Charron

Please RSVP designated trail boss for club rides! If nobody responds by the Thursday night before the ride, it will be cancelled.

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

WELCOME to new members Bob Warthen and his granddaughter Renay! They've already joined us on trail rides, and we look forward to many more miles with them.

We had a great turnout for the "Get to Know Colt Creek" pony rides, with 32 people and 9 horses. It was, thankfully, a quieter year, with 83 kids of all ages signed up for rides. Thanks to all who helped!



In spite of extremely short notice, a few club members were able to help out at the **Bunch Ranch "Day Without Disabilities"** on March 9th. Kathy Grinstead brought 3 horses and a bunch of 4-H volunteers, and Melody Cazort brought Shiloh. Karen Turbeville was a walker and security blanket for many nervous riders, and Janet Schneider helped participants on and off the horses.



Karen Turbeville has been discussing **the Hampton Tract trail and parking issues** with Rick Vaughn of SWFWMD, and she believes that progress toward a solution is being made. An unsupervised contractor has disked the trails so badly that they are unusable by vehicle or beast, and the day parking area is dangerously boggy even in mildly wet conditions. She will continue to follow up with Mr. Vaughn and report back to us at the next meeting.

Our trail boss **Barbara Lassiter** is having hip replacement surgery on April 2nd. Barbara always does a stellar job of coordinating the rides, finding alternate trail bosses when necessary, and keeping our rides safe and happy. Please keep her in your thoughts, and we wish her a quick and easy recovery.

We've got 6 trailers signed up for our **Colt Creek camping trip** on March 29 through 31! **The day ride** that weekend, for those who want to come in, will be on Saturday beginning at 9am. Riders, please come down to the equestrian campground **INSTEAD** of parking at the Middle Lakes area. **PLUS**—after the ride we'll have a "**catered**" lunch of some sort, so even if you can't ride, come on out to the park and **join us around 12:00pm!** We just ask that you RSVP Janet Schneider by Thursday, March 28 so that we'll have enough food for everybody.

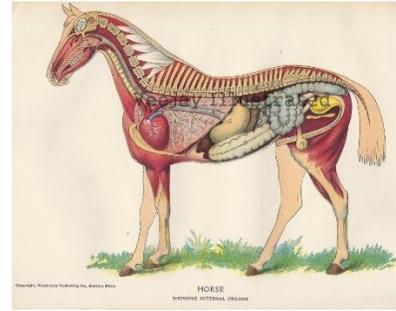
Our club may not be big or have a lot of money. Our members, though, have big, big hearts as evidenced by the participation when there are community events such as the "Get to Know Colt Creek" pony rides, the Bunch Ranch "Day without Disabilities," the Polk City Library rides, and more. We turn out at public hearings, we raise money for special projects, and we join work parties in our riding areas. Our members are **SPECIAL**, and your officers appreciate you greatly. In recognition of this, the club would like to give each member a pink bandana that is guaranteed not to be missed when on the trail. We understand that pink is not everyone's color...but if you were not at the March meeting and would like one, please contact Janet Schneider.



Dr. LuJean Waters of Heartland Large Animal Service was the guest speaker at our March meeting. She had a lot of great information for us, including about vaccinations and which horses need them. Some of her points:



- 👉 Only horses who travel generally need the flu/rhino and strangles vaccines. Strangles vaccines are only good for 6 months; the disease can have a long latent period, and if it is diagnosed at a barn the quarantine period for all animals at that barn is 30 to 60 days AFTER resolution of clinical symptoms. The injectable vaccine is only 60% effective; the intranasal is better, but is a live virus that can make the horse feel bad for a few days.
- 👉 NEVER give banamine as an injection; it has a high rate of reaction and infection. Squirt the liquid directly into the horse's mouth, or use the paste.
- 👉 It can be far more cost-effective to have a fecal egg count done rather than just worming every few months.
- 👉 If you suspect your horse is colicking, don't call the vet until you have taken the horse's heart rate, respiration, and temperature. Note when the horse was last fed. Have banamine on hand; you can administer it, and if the horse is not better in one hour it's time for the vet to evaluate the situation.
- 👉 Have a plan for emergencies. Know how to take your horse's vital signs, and have a list of emergency numbers. Backup people who can help you with your horse, or even trailer for you, are important to have.
- 👉 Most horse owners aren't very accurate in equine anatomy. For example, your horse's spinal cord does NOT run along the top of his neck!



- 👉 Be considerate of your vet! He or she works erratic and extended hours. Call during normal work hours for non-emergency needs or questions; have your horses caught, cleaned and ready at the appointment time even through you know the vet might (probably will) be late; respect the fact that equine medicines, equipment and supplies are expensive. Your vet, coming to your house, is still cheaper than if you visit your own doctor.

We're putting together another shirt order at the request of several members. Costs vary depending on the type of shirt desired:

- 👉 Cotton t-shirt: \$15
- 👉 Cool-dry short sleeve: \$19
- 👉 Cool-dry long sleeve: \$20

Any size over an extra-large is \$3 more. Please remember that the logo will only show up on light colors, and the color selection varies depending on the kind of shirt you want (an email with all the choices has already been sent out to club members). If you want a shirt, please contact Janet Schneider with the shirt type, color, and size.

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.



Tips & Activities by Members:



Barbara Charron took a proactive approach to all those lovely rocks on the Panther Point bridge by bringing her own broom and literally sweeping a clear path for our horses. She also hid the broom behind a tree, so if the rocks migrate to the cleared path they can be swept again. Melody Cazort was her partner in “crime” on one occasion to help, as well.



Janet Del Castillo was extremely generous in bringing several copies of “Blessed are the Broodmares” by Dr. Lose to pass out at the March meeting. They were quickly snapped up, too.

Melody Cazort is selling her Sundowner Legend 1999 Horse Trailer. 3 horse slant, all aluminum, with changing room and large bed area. Goose-neck. 8 tires and the 1 spare are good. Removable thick floor mats. New rubber floor edging for hooves backing out. Inside lights, open door to horse quarters, with saddle racks, safety chains, etc. The bad: has some rust on some small areas, such as inside side. One tear on the side panel. The outside layer of the tack room door panel is loose. She will consider barter, possible trade with cash for a 2 horse all aluminum gooseneck trailer in good condition. Asking \$10,500.



Del and Molly Jones, as well as **Janet Schneider** rode in the Lower Green Swamp Preserve’s first “Moonlight Ride.” It turned into more of a “rainshine” ride due to the showers, but was still a bunch of fun. There’s already a second moonlight ride planned for May 18th.

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!



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**

Other Family Member(s) **Date**

Please submit this form and your membership fee to:

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