



Florida Sport Horse Club Newsletter

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

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Calendar of Club Rides and Events:

NOTE: Email or message members for any pickup rides!

- **Saturday, April 20, 9:00am:** Club ride at Marshall Hampton Reserve, Thornhill Rd. Trail Bosses Barbara & Mike Charron
- **Saturday, April 27, 9:00am:** Club ride at Tenoroc
- **Saturday, May 4, 9:00am:** Club ride at Lower Green Swamp
- **Saturday, May 11, 9:00am:** Club ride at the Hampton Tract, Rock Ridge Road
- **Saturday, May 18, 9:00am:** Club ride at Marshall Hampton Reserve, Thornhill Rd.
- **Monday, May 20, 6:00pm:** Club dinner with monthly meeting, **Golden Corral**, 4532 S Florida Ave., Lakeland.

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

We have a guest speaker for our May meeting!

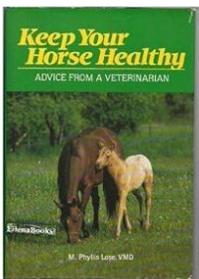
Laurie Smith of the Polk County Sheriff's Office has agreed to come and talk to us about how her office helps and protects our horses, cattle, and other farm animals.



The **Polk City Library pony rides** will be on **Monday, June 10 from 9am to 10:30am**. We've helped this very special program for several years, and hope to have a good turnout this year as well. It will be at Freedom Park on Berkley Road, just east of Hwy 33 in Polk City. Bomb-proof horses are needed as well as lots and lots of walkers. And consider—Country Angels restaurant is just a couple of blocks away, where we can go afterwards to drink several gallons of ice-cold tea and have lunch.

We've had 3 members and 1 former member with major health challenges this past month:

- **Bobbie Hancock** had a stroke, but is recovering well.
- **Barbara Lassiter** had a hip replacement; she is doing well at home
- **Kay Losey** also had a hip replacement; reports are that she's doing well also.
- **Darlene Nanek Mulkins**, a former member, is now in Good Shepherd Hospice in Auburndale.



Janet DelCastillo has very graciously donated "**Keep Your Horse Healthy**" by Dr. Phyllis Lose to the club. Janet Schneider will serve as the club's librarian; if you need to borrow the book or get a few pages copied from it, please let Janet know.

We've had an invitation from the **Sun Country Trailblazers in Ocala** to have some kind of coordinated ride "to expand our friendships and strengthen the bonds of our fellow equestrians." It's a great idea, but obviously some negotiation for a central trail between Polk County and Ocala will be needed. Sun Country is also having a campout and ride fundraiser at Shangri-La to benefit the Alzheimer's Foundation the second weekend of October; we will forward more details to you as we get them.

Your comments about the **Alafia River State Park** appear to have made a difference. Karen Turbeville had a conversation with the park manager, who told her that the plan to place an RV campground, cabins and more within the horse trails is being revised. We are hoping that the proposed campground will be changed to a primitive equestrian-only one.

We had a good turnout for our first campout at Colt Creek State Park on March 29-31, with 9 intrepid souls. Thanks go to Frank Pak and Sammie Turbeville for grilling everybody's steaks on Friday night. Several folks came in for the Saturday ride, including Lower Green Swamp manager Karen Warren on her mule Maybelline. After the ride we had a fine lunch compliments of the club.... Have you ever noticed that horse people usually eat very well when they all get together?



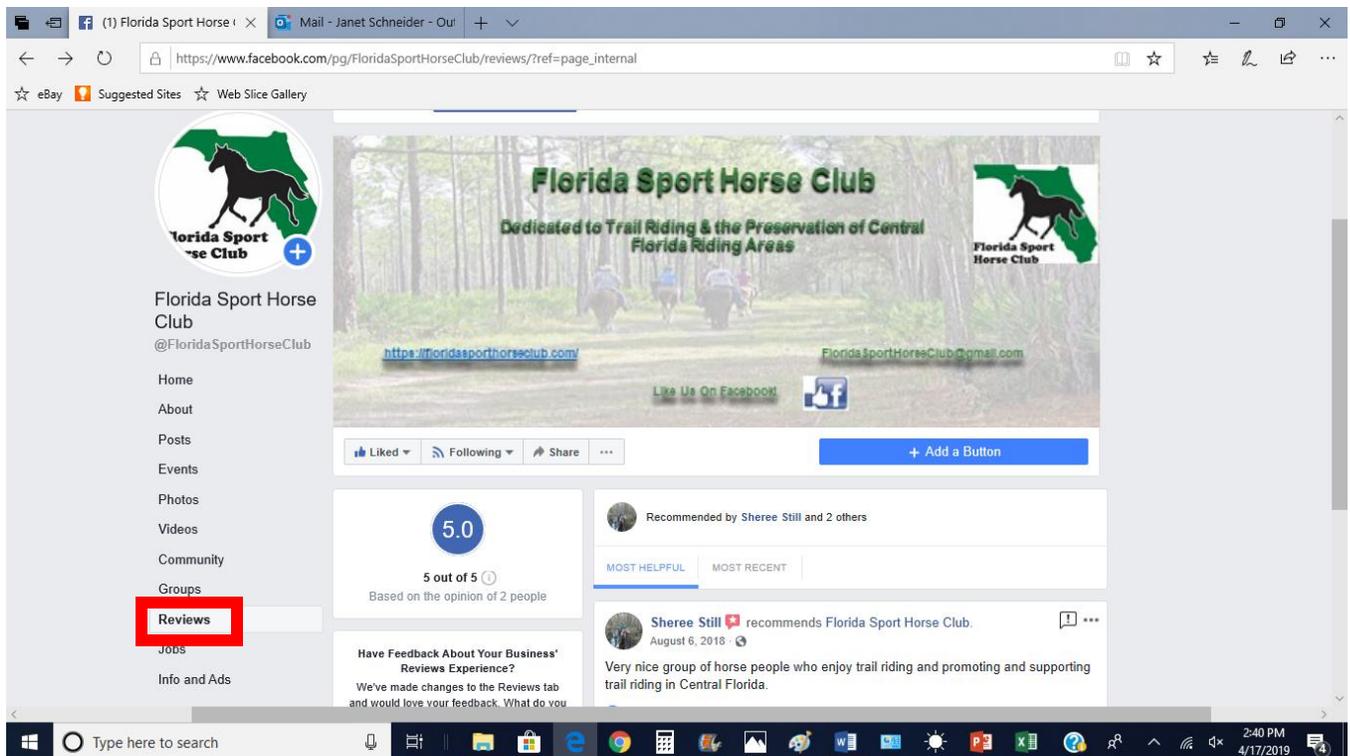
Karen Turbeville has continued to follow up with SWFWMD manager Rick Vaughn about the **Hampton Tract**. There is really nothing that can be done about the trails that have already been so badly disked, but now that Mr. Vaughn is aware of the problems it will hopefully not happen again. The drier weather has helped the ground settle, as have the few trucks that have driven through and flattened out some of the roughest bits. The parking area has yet to be fixed, even though repairs were promised.

Thanks go to Bryan Neely, who brokered the new printer of the **club's shirts!** So far 23 shirts have been ordered at a considerable savings, for which we are grateful. Please contact Janet Schneider if you are interested in ordering a shirt (cotton tee, \$7; cool-dri short sleeved, \$13; cool dri long sleeved, \$18. Sizes XXL & up, add \$3).

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.

Do you follow the club on Facebook? All our events are posted there, as well as pictures, news bits and other items of interest to horse people. You can also give a review of our club there—what do you like about it, or that you'd want other people to know about us? Click on the "Reviews" link in the left menu, and find the question "Do you recommend Florida Sport Horse Club?" Click on (hopefully) "yes," and make any extra comments you'd like.





Tips & Activities by Members:



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.

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
August through July, 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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