



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, June 22, 8:30am:** Club ride at Lower Green Swamp.
- **Saturday, June 29, 8:30am:** Club ride at Marshall Hampton, Thornhill Rd.
- **Tuesday, July 2, 11:30am:** Summer dine-around at Flight Line Café, Winter Haven Airport, 2073 US Hwy 92.
- **Saturday, July 6, 8:30am:** Club ride at Tenoroc.
- **Wednesday, July 10, 8:30am-10:30am:** Horsey meet-and-greet for the 2019 cub scout day camp
- **Saturday, July 13, 8:30am:** Club ride at the Hampton Tract, Rock Ridge Rd.
- **Monday, July 15, 6:00pm:** Club dinner with monthly meeting, **Golden Corral**, 4532 S Florida Ave., Lakeland.
- **Saturday, August 3, 5pm-?:** Annual club BBQ, membership drive, & officer elections at the Lassiters' **Saturday, March 7, 2020, 10am:** Pony rides at the "Day without Disabilities" at the Bunch Ranch

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 our newest member, **Karen Schreiber**! She's been looking for a trail riding home, and we hope she enjoys it with us.

SAVE THE DATE! Our **annual membership BBQ start-to-the-new-club-year will be Saturday, August 3**, 5pm at Barbara and Steve Lassiter's home. As usual, the club will provide the meat and drinks. Steve has very graciously offered to grill for us all, which makes this a not-to-be-missed event. Members are asked to bring a dish to share as well as any interested family and friends.

And, if you haven't guessed, if we're starting the new club year it means it's **time to renew your membership!** We've had several new people join within the last 3 months—and if you have, we consider you as already "in" for the 2019-2020 club year. We will have forms at the July meeting as well as the August BBQ, or you can use the form included at the end of the newsletter.

We will also have our **officer elections** at the August meeting. The nominated slate will look eerily familiar:

- Mike Charron for President
- Barbara Lassiter for VP of Trails
- Susan Buchanon for Treasurer
- Janet Schneider for Secretary

If you are interested in running for one of these positions, or would like to nominate another member, please let us know!



Kudos to the club for the **Polk City Library pony rides** on Monday, June 10. A special thanks goes to Laura Branch for liaising with Librarian Suzette Penton, and those who brought horses: Laura,

Kathy Grinstead, Judy Cloninger, Donna Coquyt, Susie Jacobs, Myra Bell and Janet Del Castillo. Janet's pony was a big success, as were the drawings Janet did for the kids. We really appreciate all those members who came:

Susan Buchanon & niece Kyleigh	Mike Charron
Barbara Charron	Ronica Neely
Karen Turbeville	Donna Fellers
Judy & Charlie Cloninger	Dennis Dudley
Kathy Grinstead	Joan Branch
Janet Del Castillo	Donna Coquyt
Laura Branch & Ellen Ann	Susie Jacobs
Janet Schneider	Myra Bell
Maureen George	Karen Sidell

Judy Cloninger also drafted 2 friends (Cindy Hope and Joanna Godwin), and Kathy brought 4 of her 4-H kids: Julia Plumley, Myah Kane, Abby McMahan, and McKenzie Hollie of the Rockin' Riders 4H Club.

The June **summer dine-around** garnered 12 people, who all seemed to enjoy themselves. We were pleased that Rae Gayer even brought her mother! So we're going to do it again on **July 2nd**, 11:30, at the **Flight Line Café in the Winter Haven airport** (www.flightlinecafe.com) 2073 US Highway 92, Winter Haven, FL 33881. **Please RSVP to Janet Schneider** if you plan to come by Friday June 28, so she can get a large-enough table.

Astrid Evans is coordinating the show-and-tell for the **Cub Scout Day Camp** for the Gulf Ridge Council, Thunderbird District on **Wednesday, July 10**. This would NOT be for pony rides, but more of an informational and touching event. It will be held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church at 1820 Co Rd 540A, Lakeland, FL 33813. Astrid is in the process of getting more details, and will relay them as she gets the information. If you're interested in helping, please contact Astrid (home 863-648-4897, cell 863-529-8123, or aevans@tampabay.rr.com).

Name badges are in the works! Cathy Botts mentioned how challenging it can be for all our new members (and some of us “older” ones) to learn everybody’s names. So we’re going to make pins for everybody that each person can pick up at each meeting, and dump back in the bucket at the end. Friendliness is knowing everybody’s name!

Our print shop got a bit over-enthusiastic with our shirt order, and we find we have 4 shirts too many which are now up for sale if anybody wants them. There are 2 Sport-Tek (cool-dri material) long-sleeved shirts, ice gray in size XL (\$18), and 2 Sport-Tek short-sleeved, light blue in size L (\$13). If you’d like one of these shirts, please contact Janet Schneider.

Karen Turbeville has found that Rick Vaughn really is still in his position at SWFWMD, so we can continue lobbying him for improvements at the **Hampton Tract**. The big hole in the day parking was fixed, but no other improvements have been made either to the day parking or the trails.

The date for the next “**Day without Disabilities**” has been set for Saturday, March 7, 2020 at the Bunch Ranch. The event will run from 10am to 2pm; members voted to support it, although all felt that giving rides for 4 hours would be too much for the horses and humans.

Karen Turbeville and Janet Schneider attended **Hillsborough River State Park’s draft management plan** meeting on June 4th. The park actually DOES have a very short trail (1.5 to 2 miles) for horses, but really doesn’t have the capacity to expand the trail due to the swampy terrain and (the usual) resources.

Do you follow the club on Facebook? All our “stuff” is posted there. 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.

National Farriers Week is July 10-16 this year, and honors the men and women who care for and maintain the hooves of horses. This highly specialized trade requires skill in hoof care, blacksmithing, as well as care of injured and diseased hooves. You might do something special for your farrier to let him/her know you appreciate what they do. Some of the ways to show appreciation:

1. Pay your farrier on time
2. Make sure your horse is well behaved for your farrier.
3. Provide your farrier with a safe area to work that also offers protection for the elements.
4. Have your horse ready for your farrier when he/she arrives.
5. Take good care of your horse's feet in between farrier visits.
6. Listen to your farrier's advice on hoof care.

Finally -- most important of all -- "No Hoof -- No Horse!" **(Thanks to Judy Cloninger for sharing)**

New people have joined us on a number of recent rides and meetings. If you see unfamiliar faces, please introduce yourself and invite them to club activities. People are welcome to join 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 Lassiter is now able to ride for about 30 minutes, and is getting better every day. By the fall she'll be back to full-time riding again.

Cindy Gundling-Tucker is about to have hip replacement surgery. We wish her as swift and good a recovery as Barbara Lassiter and Kay Losey.

Carol Bemman is having another "Wet & Wild Obstacle Challenge & Trail Ride" on Saturday, June 29. Call her at (863) 258-6677 for more information. Carol also got a very nice write-up in the May 2019 issue of "Central Florida Ag News." Read it at <https://centralfloridaagnews.com/riding-equines-at-crystal-beach-farms/>.

Myra Bell's new horse is in training in north Lakeland, gaining weight and doing well. We look forward to meeting him on the trail.

Ronica Neely has started using "Bug Check Fly Control Supplement," which is advertised as an all-natural supplement that provides two levels of insect protection--garlic and yeast keep biting flies away, while diatomaceous earth reduces the viability of larvae in manure. She has noticed a decrease in her fly population.

Melody Cazort's Shiloh is slowly getting better.

Karen Turbeville reminded us all of carrying twine or string on rides as a safety precaution. One of the scissor clips on her reins recently failed; she replaced the clips with spring clips, one of which detached during its second outing.

Cathy Botts and her neighbors have had a fair number of coyotes in her area.

Kay and Mary Losey are taking a trip down to Costa Rica at the end of July.

Kay Losey has Tifton Tifton hay for sale—tightly wrapped 900 pound rolls, kept in the barn, \$60. Text 863-602-0192 for information.

Bob Warthen, who gave his extra tickets to the July 27 Extreme Mustang Makeover, reported that the location has changed to 1120 Swilley Road in Plant City. Showing the ticket at the gate will save people a \$10 parking fee.

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: _____

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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