

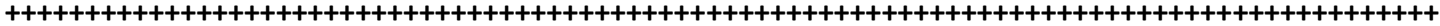


Florida Sport Horse Club Newsletter

August 2019

<https://floridasporthorseclub.com/>

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Calendar of Club Rides and Events:

NOTE: Email or message members for any pickup rides!

- **Saturday, August 10, 8:30am:** Club ride at Tenoroc. Barbara Lassiter, trail boss
- **Saturday, August 17, 9:00am:** Club ride at Lake Louisa. Susan Buchanon, trail boss
- **Tuesday, August 20, 11:30am:** Summer dine-around at Runways at Bartow. RSVPs to Janet by 8/16
- **Saturday, August 24, 8am:** Workday at Tenoroc.
- **Saturday, August 31, 8:30am:** Club ride at the Marshall Hampton Reserve. Barbara Lassiter, trail boss
- **Saturday, September 7, 8:30am:** Club ride at Lower Green Swamp. Barbara Lassiter, trail boss
- **Saturday, September 14, 8:30am:** Club ride at Tenoroc. Barbara Lassiter, trail boss
- **Monday, September 16, 6:00pm:** Club dinner with monthly meeting, **Golden Corral**, 4532 S Florida Ave., Lakeland.
- **Saturday, November 9, 9:00am:** Colt Creek Fun Ride & Scavenger Hunt
- **Saturday, February 8, 2019:** Pony rides at Colt Creek
- **Saturday, March 7, 2020, 10am:** Pony rides at the “Day without Disabilities” at the Bunch Ranch

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

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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.

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.

News

WELCOME to our new members!

- 👤 **Dr. Lori Shank & husband Brian Ackley:** Lori and Brian own the Lake Meade Animal Clinic.
- 👤 **Michele Tidwell,** who brings another wonderful Paso to the group. Michele belonged to the club a few years ago and has now returned “home.”

Join the **work party at Tenoroc** on Saturday, August 24th, 8:00am. We'll be trimming the branches and tree limbs. Tenoroc Manager Danon Moxley has been very good to the horse community, and this is our chance to pay him back. Please bring long-handled lopping shears and whatever other tools you have. A lunch will be provided by the club, so RSVPs to Karen Turbeville are needed.

The next summer dine-around will be **August 20**, 11:30, at **Runways at Bartow**, 5995 Airport Blvd, Bartow. **Please RSVP to Janet Schneider** by Friday August 16 if you plan to come.

Kathy Grinstead and the **Polk County Special Olympics (SO) Equestrian Team** needs your help!! Can you attend 2 practices a month from September through February 1st? We need both **horse handlers** (leading the horse with a SO athlete on, assisting while they groom--stay with the horse & keep the athlete safe) and **side walkers** (duty as stated--walk beside the horse while rider is on, helping rider maintain balance, etc. and serve as support/encouragement while rider is doing exercises, leading, grooming, etc.). If walking (and a little trotting later on) for 30-40 minutes is too physical, you can serve as the **team's secretary** and record their attendance, completed homework & exercise sheets or volunteer the day of the county show or set up a fundraiser. There are multiple ways to assist!!! Please contact the PCSOET Coordinator, **Sarah Frederick, 863-207-8947** by text or voice.



Our **annual membership BBQ** on August 3 was fantastic! About 45 members, family and guests came out for Steve's delicious chicken, ribs and baloney. There wasn't even much left from all the potluck dishes; most of the food vanished down our delighted throats. Our horses will NOT appreciate it.... A huge THANK YOU goes to the brave Barbara and Steve Lassiter for hosting the mob.

Members also re-elected the current officers to serve another year:

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

Plans are well underway for the **November 9th Colt Creek Family Fun Ride & Scavenger Hunt**. It's not too early for you to let Janet Schneider and Karen Turbeville know you can help! Sammie Turbeville and Frank Pak have already volunteered to grill hot dogs for the day; other jobs include:

- **Parking** coordinators
- **Registrars** for our “contestants”
- **Checking the scavenger hunt answers** as people return
- **Answering any questions**, particularly if anybody expresses an interest in the club—perhaps have a table just for that purpose this year
- **A photographer**—the pictures we took in February were a BIG hit with participants
- And since we'll be having a hot dog lunch available for a donation, **servers** are needed.

It's time to renew your membership, if you have not already done so! Renew by the end of the September meeting and add an extra \$10 if you want to receive the monthly "*Horse & Pony*" for a reduced rate.

Thank you to the **Jones family** (Del, Patty & Molly) for donating **4 helmets** to the club. They will be brought out when we have pony rides for community events.

Name badges are here--Each person can pick his or her button up at each meeting and dump it back in the bag at the end. Friendliness is knowing everybody's name.

Did you see the August 2019 issue of the "**Central Florida Ag News?**" There's a very nice article about the club: <https://centralfloridaagnews.com/hoofing-a-good-time/>

Our print shop got a bit over-enthusiastic with our shirt order, and we have 4 shirts which are now up for sale: 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.

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.

Review our club on Facebook. 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.

It has been WONDERFUL to see so many people riding during the summer months, especially our new members! I can't wait for cooler weather.....



New people have joined us on many 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.

Florida Sport Horse Club 2018-2019 Year-End Report

🐾 Welcomed new members:

- Karen Sidell
- Cindy Gundling-Tucker
- Sandy Domanski
- Danielle Bilbrey
- Mary Lou Waugh
- Debra Massey
- The Neely Family (Bryan, Ronica, Alexis & Eric)
- Bob & Renay Warthen
- Karen Thomas
- Karen Schreiber
- Carla Hart
- Jenifer & Riley Williamson
- Julianne & Leah Dunham
- Marianne Moselle
- The Jones Family (Del, Molly & Patty)

Participated in Community Activities/Work Parties:

- 🐾 Provided input in riding areas' planning meetings:
 - Draft management planning meeting for the Herky Huffman/Bull Creek Wildlife Management Area (August)
 - Crooked Lake Wildlife Management Area's 10-year draft management plan committee (December)
 - Attended public hearings for the 10-year management plans for Alafia River State Park and Hillsborough River State Park (May & June)
 - Provided comments at the public hearing for the Polk Parkway expansion, which will cut through part of the Marshall Hampton Reserve (June)
- 🐾 Took part in work parties to benefit our community:
 - Triple B's work party at Green Swamp West (August)
 - Gathered pine needles at Colt Creek State Park and spread them in the Butterfly Garden (April)
 - Planted pines at Lower Green Swamp (July)
- 🐾 Made frequent attempts to discuss the Hampton Tract's trail and parking issues (ongoing)
- 🐾 Had a strong turn-out for the annual Friends of Colt Creek public meeting (January)
- 🐾 Organized and ran Colt Creek State Park's 2nd Family Fun Ride (February)
- 🐾 Gave pony rides at:
 - The annual "Get to Know Colt Creek" event (March)
 - The Bunch Ranch "Day Without Disabilities" (March)
 - The Polk City Library's summer reading rewards program (June)
- 🐾 Provided a horsey "meet and greet" to the 2019 Cub Scout Day Camp (July)
- 🐾 Featured in the "Central Florida Ag News," July issue ("Hoof-ing a Good Time," Vol. 10 issue 1, pp 7 & 9; <https://centralfloridaagnews.com/hoof-ing-a-good-time/>)

Speakers:

- Dr. LuJean Waters, Heartland Large Animal Service (March)
- Detective Laurie Smith, Polk County Sheriff's Department (May)

Other Activities:

- 🐾 Instituted summer dine-arounds June through September to provide heat relief to those who don't ride in summer
- 🐾 Increased Facebook followers from 170 on August 15, 2017 to 293 on July 23, 2018, to 513 on July 30, 2019



Tips & Activities by Members:



Laura Branch wants people to know that Second Star Farm in Polk City, near Davenport, currently has open spots for pasture boarding. 10 acres fully fenced, access to trails and riding area. Find it on Facebook or email secondstarfarm19@gmail.com. For more information contact Laura Branch at 970-372-9032.

Del Jones has 2 saddles for sale: a brown Wintec 15in wide (FQHB), ridden in maybe 8 times (\$250 dollars obo), and a Double T 16in FQHB (\$200 obo). Contact Del for more info at 407-466-0353.



It was great to see **Sandy Domanski** at the barbeque! She is recovering well after hip surgery.

We want to give a big shout-out to **Louise Short's husband John**, who is recovering from surgery.

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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