



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, July 20, 8:30am:** Club ride at Marshall Hampton Reserve. Mike & Barbara Charron, trail bosses
- **Saturday, July 27, 8:30am:** Club ride at Tenoroc. Trail boss, Del Jones
- **Saturday, August 3, 8:30am:** Club ride at Marshall Hampton Reserve. Mike & Barbara Charron, trail bosses
- **Saturday, August 3, 5pm-?:** Annual club BBQ, membership drive, & officer elections at the Lassiters'
- **Saturday, August 10, 8:30am:** Club ride at the Hampton Tract, Rock Ridge Road
- **Saturday, August 17, 8:30am:** Club ride at Lake Louisa
- **Tuesday, August 20, 11:30am:** Summer dine-around at Runways at Bartow. RSVPs to Janet by 8/16
- **Saturday, August 24, 8:30am:** Club ride at Lower Green Swamp
- **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

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>.

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

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News

We are awash in new members! **WELCOME** to:

- 🐾 **Carla Hart** and her Paso Fino.
- 🐾 **Julianne Dunham** and daughter **Leah**. They have recently acquired new horses, an 6-year-old Appendix mare for Leah and a Quarter Horse for Julianne.
- 🐾 **Jenifer Williamson** and daughter **Riley**. Riley has a TB and is learning dressage; Jenifer has a 14-hand pony.

Our **annual membership BBQ start-to-the-new-club-year is 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 ribs and chicken for us, which makes this a not-to-be-missed event. Members are asked to bring a dish to share; family members and "horsey" friends are welcome.

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 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!

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



Astrid Evans did a great job coordinating the show-and-tell for the **Cub Scout Day Camp** for the Gulf Ridge Council, Thunderbird District on **Wednesday, July 10**. Melody Cazort, Ronica Neely, Alexis Neely, and guest Marianne brought horses for about 50 kids. We got some interesting questions that day, and the kids were delighted.

Name badges are here! Each person can pick his or her button up to wear at each meeting, and dump back in the bag at the end. If you don't wish to pin it on your shirt, bring a lanyard—we can keep it with your button.



Many club members turned out for the **Marshall Hampton Reserve** public information session on June 18th. The path of the Polk Parkway expansion is not yet fully set, but we are told that 2 alternative Reserve parking areas have already been discussed. Three of our club members—Sandy Domanski, Myra Bell, and Kathy Grinstead were featured in a Ledger article expressing the horse community's concerns. You can read the article at <https://www.theledger.com/news/20190622/central-polk-parkway-route-raises-concerns?fbclid=IwAR1RP1rLGbBhRBBIM4iVBcxS-bP9VhfefeOBNwKxuzdEtG3XSx6LlI qTaQ>.

Riders at **Tenoroc** have noticed that many branches have begun encroaching on the trails. Since Tenoroc is one of our favorite places, we will probably be scheduling a work party to help clear the trails. Stay tuned for updates.



Horse people comprised 10 of the 12 volunteers who planted 350 long-leaf pines at **Lower Green Swamp** on July 13th. Nine were from our club—Mike Charron, Barbara Lassiter, Karen Turbeville, Judy & Charlie Cloninger, Frank & Penny Pak, Mary Futch, & Janet Schneider—plus Sue Vaisey, President of Triple B Riders. Many hands made light work, and it turned out to be a very satisfying day.

The date of **Saturday, November 9** has been set for the next **Colt Creek Fun Ride**. There will be a twist to this ride—we're making it into a Veterans Day scavenger hunt. Riders will get a list of questions, which can be answered by signs along the trail. Since Karen Turbeville did such a stellar job of organizing the past 2 rides, most of the planning is already done—we just need to repeat! A lunch will be available this year at the park—details are still being worked out.

Rather than one monster "Get to Know Colt Creek" event, the **Friends of Colt Creek** have decided to break the big soiree down into 3 smaller ones. It has asked the club to choose a date when it can provide **pony rides**, and the Friends will build the rest of its event around the club. Members have voted for **Saturday, February 8, 2020**.

Kathy Grinstead's "**Rockin' Riders**" 4-H club has helped us out at a number of pony ride events. As a thank you to them, members voted to donate \$100 to the kids.

One of our newest trail bosses **Del Jones** deserves a big shout-out. Two riders got slightly turned around driving to the Hampton Tract, but Del sent

the main group of riders out on time and then waited for the lost lambs to arrive. He also coached a timid horse through a lot of water. His helpfulness and attitude exemplifies our club spirit.

The 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.

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.

New people have joined us at 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 back to almost full-time in the saddle again! We're glad to see our trail boss fit back on the trail.

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.

Congratulations to **Cindy Jones' granddaughter Hannah**, who has qualified to the 4-H Regional in Perry, GA. Louise Short is driving Cindy and Hannah up to the competition at the end of July.

Donna Coquyt has found that Chewy.com carries horse supplies—but doesn't deliver horse feed.

Cathy Botts has been very impressed by Scandinavian horse trainer Mia Lykke Nielson. You can watch some of her training videos at <http://mialykkenielsen.com/horse-tips-filmyoutube-channel/>.

Astrid Evans has officially entered the crazy fellowship of horse people. She had a hard fall 4 weeks ago but felt she was just bruised. Since she is still having some pain, she finally went to the doctor and found she has a broken pelvis—which is well on the way to recovery now.

If anybody is interested in heading over toward the Sunshine Skyway to swim with their horses, **Del Jones** would love to be included.

Bob Warthen, is hoping to take his very own mustang to the July 27 Extreme Mustang Makeover at 1120 Swilley Road in Plant City. Good luck!

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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