

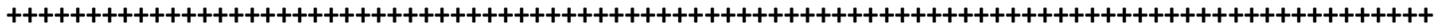


# Florida Sport Horse Club Newsletter

## September 2019

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### Calendar of Club Rides and Events:

**NOTE: Email or message members for any pickup rides!**

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

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- **Saturday, September 21, 8:30am:** Club ride at Gator Creek. Del Jones, trail boss
- **Saturday, September 28, 9:00am:** Club ride at Lake Louisa. Barbara Lassiter, trail boss
- **Tuesday, October 1, 12:00pm:** Club dine-around at Hungry Crab, Winter Haven. RSVPs to Janet by 9/26.
- **Saturday, October 5, 9am:** Club ride at the Marshall Hampton Reserve. Barbara Lassiter, trail boss
- **Saturday, October 12, 9am:** Club ride at the Hampton Tract, Rock Ridge Rd. Barbara Lassiter, trail boss
- **Saturday, October 19, 9:00am:** Club ride at Lower Green Swamp. Janet Schneider, trail boss
- **Monday, October 21, 6:00pm:** Club dinner with monthly meeting, **Golden Corral**, 4532 S Florida Ave., Lakeland.
- **Saturday, October 26,** time TBA: POSSIBLE ride at the Skyway Bridge, St. Petersburg
- **Saturday, November 9, 9:00am:** Colt Creek Fun Ride & Scavenger Hunt
- **Sunday, December 9, 5pm:** Christmas party at the Charrons'
- **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.

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



We REALLY appreciated the 15 people who were able to help clear the **Tenoroc** trails on August 24. It was a hot, hot day but many hands (and loud mouths) made for a fun time for everybody. The lunch afterwards didn't hurt any, either. Thanks go to Mike Charron, Barbara & Steve Lassiter, Judy & Charlie Clonger, Del, Patty & Molly Jones, Maureen & Greg George, Mary Futch, Rae Gayer, Cathy Botts, Bob Warthen, and Janet Schneider for their hard work.

It's time to sign up to work the **November 9th Colt Creek Family Fun Ride & Scavenger Hunt**.

Sammie Turbeville and Frank Pak have already volunteered to grill hot dogs for the day and Ronica, Rae and Bob have also stepped up. 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
- **Servers** for the hot dog lunch

**Please contact Janet Schneider or Karen Turbeville to offer help and pick the job you'd like to have.**

The next club dine-around will be **August 20, 12:00**, at the **Hungry Crab**, 1551 3rd St SW, Winter Haven, Florida 33880. **Please RSVP to Janet Schneider** by Friday October 27 if you plan to come.

Mike Charron has been diligently pursuing a resolution to the **boggy Hampton tract parking**. He's been in contact with SWFWMD manager Rick Vaughn and is attempting to set up a face-to-face meeting on the issue. The saga continues.

We have a new community project—those who last rode at **Lake Louisa** were warned that the wooden bridge was so slick that they should exercise extreme caution to cross. Rather than risk the horses, the group took an alternate route. At Mike Charron's request Janet Schneider contacted park manager Rachel Nunlist about making the bridge safer for all who cross. One possible solution is to paint a textured surface over the cleaned wood after replacing any rotten boards; another might be

to nail cross boards perpendicular to the existing boards. Members tentatively approved the project; the bridge will be more closely examined at the September 28<sup>th</sup> ride to better evaluate the boards that may need to be replaced.



Christmas is coming! Our party has been set for **Sunday, December 8**, at 5pm. Barbara & Mike Charron have very graciously offered to host us all again. The club will supply the meat and drinks; members are asked to bring side dishes to share. You are welcome to bring a small gift that will be used in the gift exchange.

It's time to start thinking about another club **campout**, possibly at Colt Creek or Green Swamp West. Barbara Lassiter will check some dates for us.

**It's time to renew your membership**, if you have not already done so!

We've been having some really great trail rides with lots of people! Karen Turbeville suggested that we have an **assistant trail boss** who can help in managing the bigger groups by riding drag, serving as an extra club ambassador and helping those who might need a little more attention. Del Jones was unanimously elected before he could object. Go, Del!



A few members are interested in taking their horses **swimming off the Skyway Bridge** in St. Petersburg. The tentative date is October 26. Here are the directions I've found, which may or may not be accurate: From I-275 southbound (through St Pete), pay the Sunshine Skyway toll, but get off at the north fishing pier exit before the bridge. At the stop sign at the end of the ramp, turn left, go under the bridge and keep going straight until you have to turn left. That leads to the beach. --- coming north, pay the toll, go over the bridge (use right lane, you'll need it!). Right after the bridge get off the north pier exit and at the stop sign at the end of the ramp, turn right, then a quick left and you'll find the beach. If you're interested, talk to Del Jones.

Penny Pak suggested that the club might enjoy a **special dine-around at the Columbia Restaurant** in Ybor City. Are you interested? If so, please let Janet Schneider know!

Kathy Grinstead and the **Polk County Special Olympics (SO) Equestrian Team** are still looking for volunteers to help. Among others, Barbara Charron and Del Jones help out. There are multiple ways to assist!!! Please contact the PCSOET

Coordinator, **Sarah Frederick, 863-207-8947** by text or voice.

**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.

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.

**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.



## Tips & Activities by Members:



It's been a tough couple of months for many of our members—they have been living through surgeries, injuries, and illnesses. **Riley Williamson** is recovering from a very badly broken leg; **Donna Fellers** was trampled by a horse and has a severe leg injury; **Charlie Cloninger** has been in the hospital a couple of times; **Astrid Evans** is healing from a broken pelvis; **Marty Losey** is recovering from a shoulder replacement; **Sammie Turbeville** and **Denis Charron** both had surgeries. **John Short** is looking very good after his operation, and we were glad to see him at the September meeting. Hopefully we didn't miss anybody.

Our hearts go out to **Debra Massey**, who recently lost her mother.

Everybody's glad that Dorian passed Florida by. We must always be prepared, however, for natural disasters. **Two sites to bookmark on your computer** is the natural disaster emergency assistance directory at [www.NationalEquineEmergencyDirectory.com](http://www.NationalEquineEmergencyDirectory.com) and the transportation directory at [www.FleetOfAngels.org](http://www.FleetOfAngels.org).

**Cathy Botts** announced that the Florida Walking & Racking Horse Association is having its state champion show, including a costume class open to all, on October 5<sup>th</sup> at the Florida Horse Park. The Ocala Tack Shack is also holding its Horsy Yard Sale on September 28 & 29. More information is at <https://www.tackshackocala.com/hooffahoyasa1.html>.

The Jones and Neely families recommend JM Farm, 1108 E Knights Griffin Rd, Plant City, for those wanting to learn to work cows or acclimate their horses to bovine close encounters. They occasionally have Ranch Horse Fun Days.

From **Laura Branch**: 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](mailto: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.



Myra Bell is seeking a good home for her Tennessee Walker Blaze. Call Myra for details and asking price.

Kay Losey also has a pair of paints she is looking to re-home. References will be important, as she wants to ensure they find a good place.

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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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

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 Other Family Member(s)      Date

Please submit this form and your membership fee to:

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