



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, November 23, 9:00am:** Club ride at Gator Creek. Del Jones, trail boss
- **Saturday, November 30, 9am:** Club ride at Colt Creek. Del Jones, trail boss
- **Saturday, December 7, 9:00am:** Club ride at Tenoroc. Barbara Lassiter, trail boss
- **Sunday, December 8, 5pm:** Christmas party at the Charrons'
- **Tuesday, December 17, 11:30am:** Club dine-around at the Back Porch, Lake Alfred
- **Thursday, January 16, 2020, 8am-1pm:** Horsey show-and-tell at Circle B Bar for "Water, Wings & Wild Things"
- **Monday, January 20, 6:00pm:** Club dinner with monthly meeting, **Golden Corral**, 4532 S Florida Ave., Lakeland.
- **Saturday, February 8, 2020:** Pony rides at Colt Creek
- **Friday-Monday, February 14-17:** Club campout 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

WELCOME to our newest member Joyce Boyd!

Joyce has a Standardbred and 2 Rocky Mountain horses and has been looking for people with whom she can ride.



Our mobbed registration table

We had a great turnout for the Veterans Day Fun

Ride & Scavenger Hunt at Colt Creek on November 9! Thirteen volunteers (**Karen & Sammie Turbeville, Judy & Charlie Cloninger, Aubrey & Doris Haynie, Frank Pak, Nathan Coquyt, Karen Thomas, Del Jones, Mike Charron, Ronica Neely and Janet Schneider** came early and stayed late. **Patty Jones** came over to check on us and brought baked goods. Other members (**Mary Futch, Maureen George, Donna Coquyt, Bob Warthen, Alexis Neely, Molly Jones, Melody Cazort, Cindy Jones, Louise Short, Kathy Grinstead, and Laura Branch with Ellen Ann** all hit the trails. It was an excellent turnout! We had 70 riders, many with small children, who all seemed to enjoy themselves greatly. Park Manager Scott Duncan has already asked when the club with do it again.

The next club dine-around will be December 17, 11:30, at **the Back Porch**, 110 HWY 557, Lake Alfred. **Please RSVP to Janet Schneider** by Tuesday, December 10, if you plan to come. This is an extremely popular place, so you may want to come early (the very cool shops open at 10am) both to browse as well as to get a good parking spot.

It's the time of year to renew your free **permits to the Marshall Hampton Reserve, Gator Creek and Sumica**. Just call the Polk County Environmental Lands office at 863-534-7377; you'll need the date of your current Coggins and, if it's a new permit, your driver's license number. Easy and fast, so don't let your permit expire at the end of the year.

Christmas is coming! Our party has been set for **Sunday, December 8**. **Please note the time has been changed to 4pm**. Barbara & Mike Charron have very graciously offered to host us all again; the address will be sent in a private email to club members. The club will supply the meat and drinks; members are asked to bring side dishes to share. While we won't do a traditional gift exchange, we still like to share presents! Here's how it will work:

- If you want, bring a nice unwrapped gift—something that you wouldn't mind giving to a friend.
- At the party, each person will receive a numbered ticket.
- After dinner, the numbers will be drawn. When your number is called, you can come forward and select one of the gifts.

The Friends of Lake Louisa has opened a \$3800 fundraiser to replace the **Lake Louisa State Park bridge**. The club voted to send \$200 for the project; members are encouraged to donate personally as well. Park Manager Rachel Nunlist is still asking the club to finish the bridge with the textured DeckOver paint when it's finished.



The **club campout** has been set for Friday through Monday, February 14-17, at Colt Creek. Barbara Lassiter has reserved space for 12 rigs. Please contact her to save your spot.

Karen Turbeville has taken up the pursuit of a resolution to the **boggy Hampton tract parking**.



Nobody at SWFWMD wants to talk to us. Too bad for them—we will persevere.



We have some members we rarely see, but over the years have contributed invaluable time and energy to make our club what it is today.



Two of these people—Harold Williams (left) and Bobby Hancock (right)—have now been voted into lifetime memberships in recognition of their service. We salute them!

We've gotten a fair number of new members in the past year, and it's been especially fun to ride with 2 of our younger members. **Molly Jones** and **Alexis Neely** are lovely young ladies who are already excellent horsewomen. We also have a great time listening to Molly rag on her father (Del Jones)!

The club received a very nice thank you note from the Rockin' Riders 4-H.



Donna Fellers at the 2010 Circle B Bar event, holding Mike Charron's "Blew."

We've been invited to show off our horses for Polk County's "**Water, Wings and Wild Things**" showcase for second graders on Thursday, January 16. This would be a meet-and-greet and needs only a few bomb-proof, well-behaved horses. While the event runs from 9am to noon, we will need to be there by 8am to set up and be prepared to stay until 1pm to allow the kids to clear the park.

Are you interested in learning **Ranch Horse skills**? Several members recently did some training at the JM Farm, 1108 E Knights Griffin Rd, Plant City and had a blast. Del Jones talked to the owners, who said they would hold a special session just for our club if we can come up with at least 10 people wanting to try it. We'd get a special rate of \$40 per person. Please contact Del if you're interested, and he'll coordinate for us.

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.

Barbara Lassiter did a "show and tell" at our November meeting, displaying a very old club banner! I don't know how old this thing is, but it's before my time.



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.

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.

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:



Dave Waugh took a bad fall and ended up in the hospital with a cracked skull. Thankfully he's doing better now.

Brian Neely is playing pirate right now with an eye patch until the doctors figure out what's going on. They don't call it the practice of medicine for nothing....

Donna Fellers has FINALLY been released by the doctor, so we're hoping that her leg is well and truly healed for good.

Barbara Charron and **Susie Jacobs** took part in the Boggy Creek Endurance Ride on November 2nd. Barbara took first in the 30-mile challenge, and Susie's ride in the 15 mile course brought her a first also. Congratulations!

Kathy Grinstead says the **Polk County Special Olympics (SO) Equestrian Team** is doing well with 36 students in riding and showmanship.

Congratulations to **Donna & Nathan Coquyt** for their new granddaughter!

Many members know Sina of Mane Circle in Winter Haven. Sina is having some major health issues, so please keep her in your prayers.

Our sympathies go to **Cathy Botts**, whose mare Jazz finally lost her battle with founder.

At the November meeting **Donna Fellers** publicly thanked club members for all their support while she was recovering. You are appreciated!

Myra Bell is seeking a good home for her Tennessee Walker, Blaze. He's 15 years old, 14.1 hands, and good on the trail. She's asking \$1000. 863-877-5864.

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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