



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, October 26, 9:00am:** Club ride at the Skyway Bridge. Del Jones, trail boss
- **Saturday, November 2, 9am:** Club ride at Colt Creek. Barbara Lassiter, trail boss
- **Saturday, November 9, 9:00am:** Colt Creek Fun Ride & Scavenger Hunt
- **Saturday, November 16, 9am:** Club ride at Marshall Hampton. Barbara Lassiter, trail boss
- **Monday, November 18, 6:00pm:** Club dinner with monthly meeting, **Golden Corral**, 4532 S Florida Ave., Lakeland.
- **Sunday, December 8, 5pm:** Christmas party at the Charrons'
- **Thursday, January 16, 2020, 8am-1pm:** Horsey show-and-tell at Circle B Bar for "Water, Wings & Wild Things"
- **Saturday, February 8, 2020:** 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

WELCOME to our newest members **Doris and Aubrey Haynie!** They enjoy camping; Aubrey is a quarter horse lover and has helped us out at some of our past events.



Thanks to all who have stepped up to work the **November 9th Colt Creek Veterans Day Family Fun Ride & Scavenger Hunt**. As a thanks, we'll have breakfast treats (bring your own coffee/drinks), free entry to the park for

volunteers, and lunch. Providing the weather doesn't bog us down, we'll be meeting at 8am in the equestrian camping expansion. Please park your cars in the South Parking area, just before you reach the campground. This will leave the bigger campground area for the horse trailers. Whether you come to ride or work, we hope you'll wear your club shirts so people can see our support of the event.

The next club dine-around will be November 5, 11:30, at **the Garden Bistro**, 702 E. Orange St, Lakeland. **Please RSVP to Janet Schneider** by Friday November 1 if you plan to come.

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.

Mike Charron has continued to pursue a resolution to the **boggy Hampton tract parking**. SWFWMD manager Rick Vaughn has not responded to emails, so we have moved up the corporate ladder to contact those higher in the organization. The saga continues.



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 would need to be there by 8am to set up and be prepared to stay until 1pm to allow the kids to clear the park. Members voted to support this event.

Mike spoke with Tabitha Biehl about the coming changes to the **Marshall Hampton Reserve entrance**. Tabitha said that our idea of having the new entrance off Winter Lake Road wasn't possible because of drainage and wetlands. FDOT hasn't even met with the county on the project yet, and there is still at least one more public hearing (not yet announced) to come.

Update on the **Lake Louisa State Park bridge**: members took a close look at the September 28th ride and found that the bridge has a badly rotted section. Janet Schneider contacted park manager Rachel Nunlist, who promised to do an evaluation of the bridge and relay her findings back to the club. Our project of coating the bridge with a nonskid surface paint is on hold for the moment.



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. PLUS: If the weather is good, Mike may give us rides on his new pontoon boat!

It looks like we'll be **camping at Colt Creek State Park** in either February or March. Please let our coordinator, Barbara Lassiter, know if you want to come AND if one date is better than another for you.

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

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, as the new program starts on November 10. There are multiple ways to assist!!! Please contact the PCSOET Coordinator, **Sarah Frederick, 863-207-8947** by text or voice.

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.

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:



We are grateful that the tornado missed the 4 club members who live near its path. It did a tremendous amount of damage.

It was great to see Riley Williamson back on her feet at the October meeting! She'll still be on crutches till the end of the year, but she's making great progress.

Welcome back also to **Mary Lou Waugh**, who spent the hot months up in the not-so-frozen north but is back for the winter.

Our condolences go to **Cathy Botts** on the loss of her mare.

Rae Gayer now has a rideable horse thanks to **Cathy Botts**, who is loaning Tito to Rae. It's a wonderful thing that helps both ladies.



Barbara Lassiter recommends **B Gone White Line treatment** after trying it on the advice of her farrier. She says it's worked well. Find more information at <https://bgonewhiteline.com/>.

Barbara Lassiter has discovered large **battery-powered fans** that would be super for horse camping, as they are supposed to last at least 24 hours on one charge. There are a few advertised on Amazon... this would be a great Christmas present!



Kathy Grinstead has had great success with "Power Horse" supplement to strengthen a horse's sole. Read more about it at <https://www.laminitis911.com/product.php>.

Donna Fellers has started using "**Kombat Boots**" (<https://kombatboots.com/>) to strengthen her horse's entire hoof. Susan Buchanan has also use this product with good results.

Donna Coquyt used "**Equine Mega Sweat**" to help her horse's anhidrosis. <https://o3animalhealth.com/products/>.



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.

Rae was very happy with **Ben Cazort's** mechanical skills as he fixed her truck. Ben also works on mowers and horse trailers.



Our very clever **Donna Fellers** made her own "painted rock" for a recent Triple B campout. Maybe we should try a contest like this too!

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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