



# Florida Sport Horse Club Newsletter

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

### Calendar of Club Rides and Events:

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

- **Saturday, January 25, 9:00am:** Club ride at Lower Green Swamp. Barbara Lassiter, trail boss
- **Saturday, February 1, 9:30am:** Club ride at Lake Louisa State Park. Susan Buchanan, trail boss
- **Saturday, February 8, 2020:** Pony rides at Colt Creek
- **Friday-Monday, February 14-17:** Club campout at Colt Creek
- **Monday, February 17, 6:00pm:** Club dinner with monthly meeting, **Golden Corral**, 4532 S Florida Ave., Lakeland.
- **Saturday, March 7, 2020, 10am:** Pony rides at the “Day without Disabilities” at the Bunch Ranch

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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

We've received some surprising news from Colt Creek State Park. Park Manager Scott Duncan submitted the **November 9<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day Scavenger Hunt** that the club organized and conducted, under the sponsorship of the Friends of Colt Creek, for an "Event Award" through Florida State Parks. **And WE WON EVENT OF THE YEAR!!!!** The Friends actually receive the award, but we know you deserve all the credit. Most of our members were at the park that day camping, registration, talking to equestrians, riding, taking pictures, and much more. Mike Charron, Karen Turbeville and Janet Schneider will be on hand February 20 to help the Friends receive the award.

We're going to have a **special guest speaker for our February 17 meeting**. Detective Jay Scarborough, Polk County Sheriff's Office, is a member of the Polk County Agricultural Crimes Unit and the head of the Florida Agricultural Intelligence Unit, which has been tracking the horse thefts and slaughters in the state. Please make plans to attend with questions.

We're all set for the **"Animal Day" at Colt Creek** on Saturday, February 8, from 10am to noon. As usual, we need all hands on deck. This will be (we hope) a smaller event than has been held in the past. Of course, our horses will be the best! We'll be in the same location as in past years. Please let Janet Schneider know if you can help; a separate email will be forthcoming with details. Del Jones will be doing most of the work the day of the event. Since the whole thing ends at noon, how about bringing a lunch? We can pack up our stuff and return to the Middle Lakes area (where we need to park), and have lunch at the pavilion.

The **club campout** is set for Friday through Monday, February 14-17, at Colt Creek. We'll have a day ride for those who want to come just for Saturday, starting at 9am. We're figuring out whether to have a club lunch or dinner that Saturday; stay tuned for details.

The **"Day without Disabilities"** is coming quickly on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at the Bunch Ranch. We can use a lot of people and pony-ride-type horses for this! Please let Janet Schneider know if you can help.



We had an excellent turnout for **"Water, Wings & Wild Things"** at Circle B Bar on Thursday, January 16. Mike Charron, Ronica Neely, Ellie Crowder and Janet DelCastillo brought 5 equines out; Karen Turbeville, Judy Cloninger, Barbara & Steve Lassiter, Mary Lou Waugh, Cathy Botts, and Janet Schneider plus Camilla (guest of Janet D') served as "wranglers:"—more for the 1,980 kids and 247 adults than for the horses. Judy Cloninger and Janet Schneider baked goodies to keep us going, and the club provided sandwiches for lunch.

Ten club members got their chance to **try cow sorting** at JM Farm in Plant City, thanks to the coordination of Del Jones. Molly Jones and Alexis Neely, our young whippersnappers, had the most experience and helped us more "seasoned" (translation, older) riders figure out what we were doing. The absolute cutest couple were Laura and daughter Ellen Ann, who made a great team! Owners Bob and Matt were great coaches for us.



*Ellen Ann and mother Laura Branch push the calves*

**We had a great year in 2019!** To commemorate all the “stuff” we did, a short video was compiled. You can watch it on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/FloridaSportHorseClub/videos/465315321069447/>) or, if you want to download it and are willing to wait, <https://1drv.ms/v/s!AltoifysL1w52FD4-LEs2M9NlrRk>.

If you live in Polk County: Bryan Neely told us about the "**Agricultural Watch Program.**" The program was developed as a means to identify ownership of agricultural properties in Polk County, and consists of a "No Trespassing By Order of The Sheriff" sign listing the property/business owner's name and a code number. That number provides deputies on patrol instant access to owner information and agent agreements. This program is open to qualified Agri-businesses or persons whose interest is in, and limited to, agriculture-related activities. We THINK this would apply to those with horses and small numbers of livestock as well. If you are interested in participating in the program, please contact the Polk County Sheriff's Office Agricultural Crimes Unit at 863-534-7205 or via email at [AgriculturalCrimes@polksheriff.org](mailto:AgriculturalCrimes@polksheriff.org). The packet to apply for the program is posted in the "Useful Documents" portion of the Florida Sport Horse Club's web page (<https://floridasporthorseclub.files.wordpress.com/2020/01/polk-county-sheriff-ag-watch-packet.pdf>).

Work on the **Hampton Tract day parking area** has – no surprise—been pushed back. Theoretically it will now begin on January 28. The online day pass reservation system has also not been activated yet. An email has been distributed to club members with a club pass and gate code to access the camping area for parking has been sent to members. Please DO NOT share with people outside the club—they will have to request their own pass from SWFWMD.

Our new Trail-Boss-In-Training, Del Jones, reminded club members to check the roster and **ensure their emergency contacts are up to date.** Fortunately we've never had to use one, but IF there was an accident on a ride we want to be able to call your family/friends and let them know ASAP. Susan Buchanan and Judy Cloninger both have wristbands from <https://www.roadid.com/> that have their customized information; the site also has pet tags that you could attach to your horse's bridle or halter. Janet Schneider carries an emergency contact form in her fanny pack and has a copy in her trailer (<https://floridasporthorseclub.files.wordpress.com/2016/12/to-emergency-responders-equine-form.pdf>), and we recommend that you input the numbers of your riding areas into your online phone book (<https://floridasporthorseclub.files.wordpress.com/2016/12/telephone-numbers-for-central-florida-equestrian-areas.pdf>). It's better to be over-prepared on the trail.

**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.

**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. Please return them at the end of each gathering!



## Tips & Activities by Members:



Cold weather can trigger numerous colics, as cold horses tend to drink less. Barbara Charron recommends adding a tablespoon of salt to horses' feed every day; Patty Jones says a scoop of dry Gator-aide mix may help as well. Janet Del Castillo recommends feeding electrolytes if you think your horse is beginning to colic. Everybody suggests having a tube of banamine on hand.



We've had sad news from **Jane Gavin**. After only having her Belgian mare Alice for 3 years, Alice has passed. Jane has decided to sell the harness and Meadowbrook cart; if you are interested, please contact Jane at [gavincurtis@msn.com](mailto:gavincurtis@msn.com).

**Susan Buchanan** has a new horse! Conan the Arabian will be joining Sophie in Susan's pasture at the end of January.

**Rae Gayer** now has Del Jones' pony to keep Tito company in the pasture.

**Dave Waugh** is finally home again after another hospitalization and stay in a rehab unit.

**Barbara Charron's** Special Olympics student did very well in the January show. **Louise Short** and **Cindy Jones** also help the program, and **Kathy Grinstead** hosts the training program.



*Barbara Charron & SO student*

**Donna Fellers** is going to attend the Pegasus race in Miami January 25. Her wonderful daughter bought her tickets!

**Barbara and Steve Lassiter's** grandbaby is finally home from his month-long stay in the hospital. We are grateful Jackson is going to be okay.

**Bobby Hancock** had to have a "minor" cardiac procedure (although I don't think there is such a thing, personally). He recently lost his cousin, too. Keep him in your prayers.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
 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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