



Florida Sport Horse Club Newsletter

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

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Calendar of Club Rides and Events:

NOTE: Email or message members for any pickup rides

- **Saturday, August 22, 8:30am:** Club ride at Marshall Hampton Reserve, Thornhill Rd. Del Jones, Trail boss
- **Saturday, August 29, 8:30am:** Club ride at Lake Louisa (Lake Nellie entrance). Del Jones, trail boss
- **Saturday, September 5, 8:30am:** Club ride at Hampton Tract, Rock Ridge Road. Del Jones, trail boss.
- **Saturday, September 12, 8:30am:** Club ride at Colt Creek (use the South Parking area just before the equestrian campground). Del Jones, trail boss.
- **Saturday, September 19, 8:30am:** Club ride at Gator Creek. Del Jones, trail boss.
- **Monday, September 21:** Telephone meeting (time at 7pm) OR club dinner at 6pm with monthly meeting, **Golden Corral**, 4532 S Florida Ave., Lakeland. Stay tuned for more details.
- **Saturday, September 26, 8:30am:** Club ride at Tenoroc. Del Jones, trail boss.
- **Saturday, October 3:** POSSIBLE club barbeque at the Lassiters, pending pandemic proportions
- **Monday-Sunday, November 23-29:** Club campout at Green Swamp West

Take time after each ride to relax—bring your lunch or snacks, and share some quality time with club members.

Keep up with the club rides and “join” via our Facebook Page (Events section).

Those wanting to ride other days—please contact 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 new member Robin Berning!

Congratulations to our club members and 2020-2021 officers! Newly elected Del Jones, who last year was our first Trail-Boss-in-Training, is now the Trail-Boss-in-Truth. You might be surprised to know the amount of work that goes on behind the scenes to keep our activities and organization flowing well; Mike thanked Barbara Lassiter for her years of service as trail boss and her NEW position as co-camping queen. Mike also thanked Susan and Janet for their collaboration and teamwork to ensure the treasury is transparent and well documented, and the communication lines within the club through the minutes, newsletter and emails are strong. Without these folks stepping up, the club would not be the growing, great organization that it is.

- **President:** Mike Charron
- **VP for Trails:** Del Jones
- **Treasurer:** Susan Buchanan
- **Secretary:** Janet Schneider

Membership renewals are now due for the 2020-2021 club year. Remember that if you want the half-price subscription to Horse & Pony, you need to send your form and payment to Susan by the September meeting. A form is attached to this newsletter; if you aren't able to print it, please let Janet Schneider know so she can mail a paper copy out to you.

What **DID** FSHC do in its 2019-2020 club year?

More than you might think, even with COVID-19 limiting many of our activities. A summary is attached at the end of the newsletter, and we hope you'll take the time to read it. Most importantly, perhaps, is the feeling of community in our club. Some examples of that? Karen Turbeville hauled Myra's horse to the vet and then home after Myra's car/trailer accident; members brought food to the Turbevilles after Sammie's surgery; Mike and Barb rescued Cathy Botts donkey when he wedged himself into a gate; Del Jones installed steps on

Janet Schneider's truck rather than just giving her the name of a shop to do the work. If members know of somebody who's ill or injured, they do what they can to help. You are all very special people!

We have a new fundraiser in process. The Friends of Colt Creek want to add a pavilion to the equestrian campground, since the park will be unable to fund the project. FSHC will MATCH all donations from members up to \$500; if you'd like to contribute, please send your check (made out to the club) and mark it as going to the pavilion.



We're still holding out hope that we'll be able to have a belated annual barbeque at the Lassiters' home on Saturday, October 3. Save the date and keep your fingers crossed; the final decision will be made at next month's meeting.

Reservations for the **camping trip planned for the week of Thanksgiving** (Monday Nov. 23 through Sunday Nov. 29) are full. While things may change, SWFWMD is limiting capacity to half what it normally is. If you are interested in going on a waiting list, please contact Karen Turbeville and Barbara Lassiter. More camping trips will be planned as soon as the weather cools down enough.

Library DVD Highlight:

"7 Clinics with Buck Brannaman, 3 & 4."

This DVD shows important riding exercises and lessons, including finding the release; achieving a soft feel; attaining collection; teaching the leg; getting the life up, perfecting the stop; and backing up. Contact Karen Turbeville to borrow this title, and find the entire list of materials on the club's web site at

<https://floridasporthorseclub.com/club-library/>.

Everybody who ordered a **club shirt** has received it. We thank Bryan Neely for working on this, plus coming up with the very cool idea of club face masks.

We had hoped to hold our second **Colt Creek Veterans Day Scavenger Hunt** this November, but it doesn't look like the pandemic is going to go away in time. Perhaps we can do another Fun Ride in the future when the infection rate goes down to an acceptable level.

There will be **no club dine-around** in September due to COVID-19.

Do you have an interesting story or training tip to share? If so, please talk to Mike about talking at one of our upcoming meetings. We can all learn from each other.

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. And remember—guests riding with us must sign a hold harmless that the trail bosses will provide.

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:



Sammie Turbeville is doing well with his new hip. He's now had an additional hand surgery and is thoroughly sick of doctors at this point. We can't wait to see him back on the trail in the fall.

Bob Warthen had a bad crack-up with a green-broke mustang, who decided to break a few of Bob's ribs. It's going to take him a while to recover, so send good thoughts his way.

Ellie Crowder also took a bad fall after a horse she was evaluating for purchase bucked her off. She says she's almost back to normal.

We were saddened to hear of **Karen Turbeville's** Gunner going down with Equine Metabolic Syndrome. His loss was a real blow. But Karen was very lucky to find Smokey, another Tennessee Walker, and he looks to be a real winner.

Cathy Botts has decided she doesn't like the color of her new long-sleeved Sport-Tec club shirt (large), which is a kind of a dark tan/light brown. If you think you might be interested in it, please call Cathy.

Kay Losey has a TWH gelding for sale. 14 years old, loads, clips, knows commands, some professional training, UTD on vaccines, stands well for farrier, loads, Sweet and lovable. Not for a novice rider. Has a lot of energy and needs a loving home. He needs more trail riding and attention. He loves people. Kay wants him to have a good home. If interested, please call 863-602-0192.



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 2019-2020 Year-End Report

COVID-19 put a damper on many activities, but the club still had an active year.

Welcomed new/returning members:

- Lori Shank & Brian Ackley
- Michelle Tidwell
- Doris & Aubrey Haynie
- Joyce Boyd
- Andrea Mason
- Valerie Stowell
- Dawn & Mikayla Harper
- Melanie Swartz
- Linda Allison
- Elizabeth Rivera and David Albizu
- Rene Hollis
- Linda Sue Denmark
- Robin Berning
- Audrey Booth

Participated in Community Activities/Work Parties:

-  15 members trimmed the Tenoroc trails on August 24
-  Worked with SWFWMD on the Hampton Tract's trail and parking issues; the parking lot has, after many years, been upgraded to a usable surface
-  Had a strong turn-out for the annual Friends of Colt Creek public meeting (January)
-  Organized and ran Colt Creek State Park's first Veterans Day Mounted Scavenger hunt November 9, which won the Florida State Parks "Outstanding Special Event" in the state.
-  11 members educated an estimated 1800 Polk County 2nd graders about horses at the January 16 "Water Wings & Wild Things" event at Circle B Bar.
-  Supported the Osceola Trail Ride through the purchase of an ad in its program.
-  Worked to convince the Lake Louisa State Park manager that the wooden bridge needed to be replaced, and donated funds for materials; 7 members painted a textured surface on the rebuilt bridge in June.
-  Donated 4 gallons each of Simple Green Deck and Fence concentrate to Lake Louisa and Colt Creek State Parks
-  Gave pony rides at:
 - Colt Creek's February 8th "Animal Day"
 - Bunch Ranch "Day without Disabilities on March 7"

Speakers:

-  **Detective Jay Scarborough** (February) on how to protect our horses & property
-  **Member Del Jones** (May) trailer safety
-  **Member Janet Del Castillo** (July) loading green horses

Other Activities:

-  Instituted year-round dine-arounds which were well attended pre-pandemic
-  Made name badges for all members
-  Club campout held at Colt Creek
-  Began a club library (Karen Turbeville, librarian)
-  Had the club's first (and second) private cow sorting clinics at JM Farms, Plant City
-  Named our first "Trail-Boss-In-Training (Del Jones)
-  Appointed 2 club campout coordinators (Barbara Lassiter & Karen Turbeville)
-  Awarded lifetime memberships to Bobby Hancock and Harold Williams
-  Increased Facebook followers from 513 on July 30, 2019 to 830 on July 31, 2020.



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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