



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, July 25, 8:30am:** Club ride at Marshall Hampton Reserve. Mike & Barbara Charron, trail bosses.
- **Saturday, July 25, 8:30am:** Play with calves at JM Farm. \$40 per person. Reservations through Del Jones needed
- **Saturday, August 1, 8:30am:** Club ride at Tenoroc. Del Jones, trail boss
- **Saturday, August 8, 8:30am:** Club ride at Hampton Tract, Rock Ridge Road. Del Jones, trail boss
- **Saturday, August 15, 8:30am:** Club ride at Colt Creek. Del Jones, Trail boss
- **Monday, August 17:** Telephone meeting (time at 7pm) OR usual club dinner at 6pm with monthly meeting, **Golden Corral**, 4532 S Florida Ave., Lakeland. Stay tuned for more details.
- **Saturday, August 22, 8:30am:** Club ride at Lower Greek Swamp. Del Jones, Trail boss
- **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 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 new members David Albizu and Elizabeth Rivera, Rene Hollis, and Linda Sue Denmark!

Our regular August membership meeting and barbeque has been **postponed** until (we hope) the first weekend in October. It's just not safe for us all to get together yet, and we value you too much to risk your health.

Membership renewals are now due for the 2020-2021 club year. 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.

Elections will be held in August! The proposed slate of officers is:

- President—Mike Charron
- Vice-President of Trails (trail boss)—Del Jones
- Treasurer—Susan Buchanan
- Secretary/Newsletter Editor—Janet Schneider

We welcome nominations from members. This year we also have a Camping Committee and a Librarian. Del would like to see another assistant trail boss in training (T.I.T.). If you are interested in serving in any capacity or see a need we are not meeting, please let your officers know.

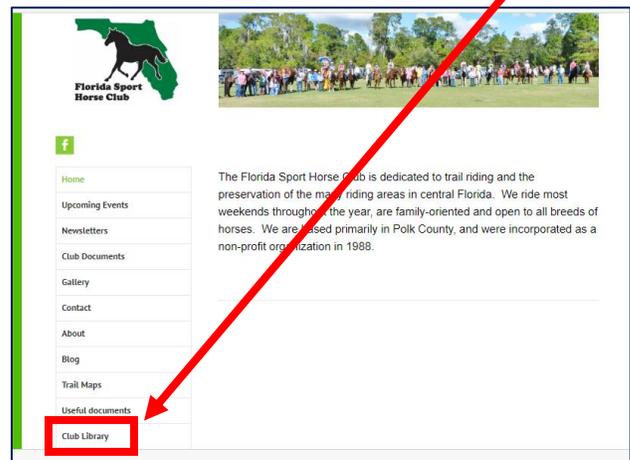
The club's **shirt order** has been placed, thanks to Bryan Neeley. Janet Schneider will let everybody know when the shirts are ready, and we'll figure out how to get them to you. If you haven't yet paid for your shirt, please mail your check to Susan Buchanan.

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.

Del Jones has arranged another **private fun day** on Saturday, July 25, 8:30am at JM Farm in Plant City. Several members attended the first one and had a blast learning to work and sort calves. The training session will be 3 hours for a \$40 fee; you can bring your own lunch and drinks for some social time after the clinic. You **MUST** reserve your spot through Del!

Our club now has its very own library of more than 50 DVDs and books, thanks to the very generous donation of Jerre Wilson. Karen Turbeville has volunteered to be our librarian; a list of the materials can be found on the club's web site at <https://floridasporthorseclub.com/club-library/>.



Janet DelCastillo shared some of her wisdom during the July meeting; her book "*Backyard Racehorse*" is now in its 5th edition, so she has the experience to speak with authority. She says that she learned first how to do everything wrong! Since she was dealing with "hysterical" young thoroughbreds, she has encountered situations that most of us (thankfully) never will.

One major lesson was to never tie a horse's head in the trailer before the butt bar is been fastened and the door closed. Example: one trailer Janet owned had the ring to tie the horse's head attached to the removable partition rather than the body of the trailer. The filly that morning went into the trailer easily, and the handler at the head tied the filly as Janet fastened the butt bar. But something spooked the filly and she pulled back, actually breaking the partition loose (pinning the handler) and backed UNDER the butt bar. Fortunately nobody was badly hurt, but it was a frightening experience.

Janet prefers a trailer with full partitions (stud walls) so that she doesn't have to tie the horses' heads. Especially on long trips, horses who cannot lower their heads are far more prone to develop shipping fever.

She has also learned be prepared for the unexpected when loading a young horse by herself. She prefers using a chain as a come-along on the horse (ONLY for experienced handlers!), and carries a long whip to tap the horse's hindquarters if necessary to encourage forward movement. She calls the the "shank and yank," since the shank (chain) discourages backward movement and the yank reinforces the notion.

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

Mike Charron has been told that water at the **Lake Louisa** equestrian parking area has been restored.

Janet Schneider expresses her heartfelt thanks to the club for donating to the American Cancer Society in memory of her sister. It truly means a lot.

Donna Fellers has had an interesting life! She grew up on an Alberta, Canada working farm (with NO

electricity), learning to ride on her dad's work horses. Apparently there were jokes made about the time Donna took to tack up and ride when it would have been faster just to go out on foot to round up the cows.... She was able to go to the Calgary Stampede, rodeos, and chuckwagon races on a regular basis. Her aunt treated Donna to a trip to California where she met an intriguing guy (Paul), eventually married him, and became an official U.S. alien. Donna still prefers riding bareback over using a saddle. And she was at the very first Florida Sport Horse Club meeting, August 1988, in Lake Wales.

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 recovering well after hip replacement surgery. He's had a minor setback in that one bone appears to have a crack that must heal before full recovery; that will keep him on a walker a few more weeks than expected. He and Karen are grateful for the cards, calls and food that has come their way from club members.

Myra Bell finally has a "new" vehicle and trailer after her bad accident. Unfortunately Myra herself is still suffering the effects of the crash, but hope to improve enough to hit the trails with us in the next month or two.

Cathy Botts has new kittens thanks to a rescued cat—if you'd like one, they will be ready to leave their mom in about 10 weeks.

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!



"Turn around! The trail's washed out up ahead!"

OUR trail bosses would never do this!

Thanks to Donna Fellers for sharing the cartoon with us.



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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