

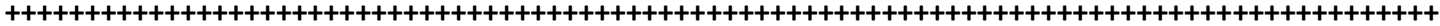


Florida Sport Horse Club Newsletter

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Calendar of Club Rides and Events:

NOTE: Email or message members for any pickup rides

- **Saturday, February 27, 9am:** Club ride at Lower Green Swamp. Del Jones, trail boss
- **Saturday, March 6, 9am:** Club ride at Green Swamp West. Del Jones, trail boss
- **Saturday, March 13, 9am:** Club ride at Tenoroc. Del Jones, trail boss
- **Saturday, March 20, 9am:** Club ride at Colt Creek from the equestrian campground; potluck and business meeting to follow. Del Jones, trail boss

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 newest member Anmarie Connor. She lives in St. Pete and boards her horse in Dade City. Now THAT's a dedicated horsewoman!

Tenoroc's Kids' Fishing Derby on Saturday, April 3rd is coming up quickly. We have committed to bringing a couple of horses (thanks, Melody and Marianne), and having a table of horse "stuff" (saddles, bits, shoes, brushes, etc.). Paolo assures us that everybody will be mandated to wear masks at all times and it will be a safe environment. The event runs from 8am to 1pm, so our horses and morning workers will need to be on station by 7:30 that day. We are asking for 2-3 more people to help—you don't have to come for the entire time. **Please contact Janet Schneider ASAP if you can come.**

The club has now voted, pending the lifting of COVID restrictions, to host another **Veterans Day Scavenger Hunt at Colt Creek on Saturday, November 6.** The time to begin planning and organizing is NOW. In past years coordination has been limited to 1 or 2 members; we'd like to extend the joy to others and have more of a committee, with individuals to take over registration, parking, food prep, photos, etc. Many hands will make light work, as you know—and since this will be the 4th time we've done this, we have procedures in place for you to follow. Will you help? Please contact Janet.



Sooner or later, even the best of riders and horses will involuntarily part company. All it takes is something to spook the horse or distract the rider and an accident can happen. Most of the time we just dust ourselves off and get right back on, but sometimes that's not just

possible or even advisable. Are YOU prepared for an emergency? Things to consider:

- 🐾 Do you ride with people who can help you if needed?
- 🐾 Do you have the phone numbers of your riding areas stored in your phone, so you can call for help?
- 🐾 Do you keep your riding buddies' emergency contact numbers handy?
- 🐾 Will you have the "common sense" to know if it's safe for you to move, remount, or walk after a bad fall, or might you make the situation worse by insisting you're okay?
- 🐾 Do you and/or your buddies carry first-aid supplies on your saddles, to stop bleeding or splint a broken bone?
- 🐾 Do you carry a trail map, and are aware enough of your location that you could tell rescuers where you are?
- 🐾 Do you have a GPS or cell phone app that can show your course and give your coordinates in case of emergency?

We are fortunate that our trail boss, Del Jones, carries first aid supplies both in his trailer and in his saddlebags. Del plans to work on some training exercises for us that can be fun and strengthen our safety skills, so stay tuned for more details.

Want to camp? Let Barbara Lassiter know! Del and his family are planning to camp the weekend of March 20 at Colt Creek...we CAN plan more if you're interested.



Would you be interested in a **swap/trade/sell event** after the March 20 trail ride and meeting at the Colt Creek equestrian campground? If so, bring your stuff and a way to display it. You may pick up some treasures and get rid of unneeded gear.

The video Polk County Government TV (PGTV) made at **Tenoroc** is now up on YouTube, and has a very nice segment of our riders at about the 3:12-minute mark. You can watch it yourself at <https://youtu.be/U82i-S4loHU>.

We have **Donna Fellers** to thank for bringing a few door prizes to our February 20 meeting. Donna also brought flowers for the food tables—what other club has its own personal decorator?

Del Jones has acquired a bunch of extra camping equipment. If you need something, consider asking him before you spend money buying something new.

The **Friends of Colt Creek** have raised all but \$6000 of the needed funds for the equestrian campground pavilion. They are hoping to begin construction in April, at the same time that the bathroom is scheduled to be built. Keep your fingers crossed....

If you see unfamiliar faces at our rides and events, please introduce yourself and invite them to club activities. People are welcome to join us a few times before they decide whether 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. Please escort the guests to the trail boss of the day!**

We've added a new "classified" section to the newsletter! If members have a special service or items for sale, they will now be listed in a separate section after the "Tips & Activities."

Library Book Highlight:

"Keep your horse healthy: advice from a veterinarian."

By Phyllis Lose. Information on diseases, syndromes, and other medical issues. Contact Karen Turbeville to borrow this title, and find the entire list of materials at <https://floridasporthorseclub.com/club-library/>.



Tips & Activities by Members:



Mike Charron's recovering well after his injury and was present to preside over our February meeting. He also has a really cool new truck.

We wish **Sheree Still** a speedy recovery after her accident.

Congratulations to **Barbara and Steve Lassiter**; they are going to have another grandbaby!



Classifieds:



Hand-crafted soaps from advanced certified soap maker Jane Gavin: essential oil soaps, and others. She now makes a Farriers' soap, inspired by Wayne Elkins and Dani Horton. She also has an all-natural citronella soap that is excellent for horses. Check out her web site at <https://www.soapforthesoul.com/>.

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. 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, 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, 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 _____

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