



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, March 27, 9am:** Club ride at Gator Creek. Del Jones, trail boss
- **Sunday, March 28-Saturday, April 3:** Campout at Colt Creek. Make your own reservations through the park.
- **Saturday, April 3, 9am:** Club ride at Hampton Tract, Rock Ridge Rd. Del Jones, trail boss
- **Saturday, April 10, 9am:** Club ride at Tenoroc. Del Jones, trail boss
- **Saturday, April 17, 9:00am:** Club ride at Tenoroc. Barbara Lassiter, trail boss
- **Saturday, April 17, 9am-noon:** Cow sorting clinic at JM Farms. Del Jones, coordinator
- **Saturday, April 24, 9am:** Club ride at Lower Green Swamp
- **Saturday, April 24, 4pm:** Molly Jones' graduation party
- **Saturday, August 7, 5pm:** Annual club BBQ & membership party at the Lassiters'
- **Saturday, November 6, 9am:** Veterans Day mounted scavenger hunt at Colt Creek

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 our newest members Kim and Craig Redmiles. They have quarter horses, and while they live in Haines City they board in Plant City.

Welcome also Jessica Nodzak! She lives in Polk City and has ridden her beautiful Friesian with us a few times already.

Del Jones has negotiated another **cow sorting clinic** for us at JM Farms in Plant City for April 17, 9am to noon. The cost is less than the usual charge; \$35 per person if we can get 15 people, and \$40 if we have less than 15— although we must have at least 10 people to make it work. **Please RSVP Del by March 30** to save your place.



We are all invited to **Molly Jones' graduation party** on April 24, 4pm. Molly now has a degree in Agricultural Studies with a minor in Soil Science. Del and Patty are catering BBQ, so all we have to do is show up to congratulate Molly for all her hard work. **PLEASE RSVP by April 3.**

We are HOPING to go back to our regular third-Monday-night monthly meetings soon, once most of our members are vaccinated and the restaurant opens our private room again. Please, get “shot” as soon as possible!

We'd like to give a huge shout-out to all those spouses, family members and friends who have supported and helped our injured and sick members. They've really stepped up to do things they probably never dreamed they'd have to do, including shoveling manure, catering to limited diets, unloading truckloads of hay and feed, and so much more. Give them a hug and our thanks!

Donna Fellers gave a scary report on a **new mosquito in Florida** called *Aedes scapularis*. The species is well-established in two South Florida counties. In Brazil they have been found to be infected with a range of diseases, "things like Venezuelan equine encephalitis virus, yellow fever virus and a handful of others." Be sure to keep up on your horses' vaccinations, and slather on the bug spray when you go out.

WANTED: Club shirt coordinator! Would you like to take charge of ordering club shirts for members? This usually only happens 2 or 3 times per year, and Janet Schneider has all the info and forms you'd need. Please let Mike or Janet know if you're willing.

Save the date of Saturday, August 7 for our annual BBQ and membership gathering at the Lassiters'!

Two emergency medical information cards. The left card is titled "EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION" and has fields for Name, Address, Phone, Insurance, Religion, Policy #, Physician, Name, Phone, Emergency Contacts, Name, and Phone. The right card has fields for Blood Type, Contact Lenses, Pregnant, Organ Donor, Medical Condition, Medications, Allergies, and Other Information.

You've probably heard that Janet Schneider experienced her own version of colic on the last Gator Creek club ride. She was fortunate to have Rae, Melody and Barbara C. with her that day; but it reinforced the reality that emergency preparedness can be critical. She has an **emergency contact sheet** mounted in her trailer (see attached), and has now gotten these **emergency cards** to carry in her riding fanny pack and in her wallet. She has several extra, since these were sold in a pack of 25, and is willing to share with club members PROVIDED you keep yours in a place that the trail boss can find in case of emergency. Want one? Let Janet know.

Tenoroc's Kids' Fishing Derby on Saturday, April 3rd has been canceled again because of COVID. Surely by next year we'll be through this mess.

The club has voted, pending the lifting of COVID restrictions, to host another **Veterans Day Scavenger Hunt at Colt Creek on Saturday, November 6**. We're looking for committee members to take charge of registration, parking, food prep, photos, etc. 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.

The **Friends of Colt Creek** have raised all the money for the equestrian pavilion! The kit isn't supposed to be shipped until May 31, so we'll have to wait a bit longer for construction. But enough funds came in to also provide tables and a couple of stand-up grills, which is great.

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."



Tips & Activities by Members:



Penny Pak has a new home for Muvado that is only 15 minutes away from her home! Thanks to all club members who offered suggestions.



Congratulations to **Ellie Crowder** on her lovely new mare!

Janet Schneider thanks the club for all the messages of support and the lovely flowers as she recovers.

Janet Del Castillo is to be congratulated for the recognition of her contribution to the racing world in this article from South Africa! <https://www.sportingpost.co.za/profile/the-calm-before-the-storm/>

It was great to see **Sheree Still** at the Colt Creek meeting. She has a ways to go in healing, but her spirit is strong and we look forward to seeing her back in the saddle.

Mike Charron is chafing at his own bit, as he heals from broken vertebrae. Wisely, though, he's waiting for his doctor's okay, and we're sure it won't be long before he's riding again.



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/>.

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!

TO EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

Print Clearly:

I/We, _____, own the animal(s) in this trailer.

Address: _____

Phone: Home () _____ - _____

Cell () _____ - _____

Emergency contact who has legal authority to make decisions on treatment for the animal(s):

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Home () _____ - _____

Cell () _____ - _____

E-mail: _____

Home veterinarian(s):

Name: _____

Phone: Office () _____ - _____

Cell () _____ - _____

Pager () _____ - _____

E-mail: _____

Insurance Co.:

Contact: _____

Phone: () _____ - _____

In the event that I/we are incapable of making decisions regarding the health and well-being of the animal(s) in an accident or emergency, we hereby authorize and shall hold harmless a veterinarian to determine the health status of the animal(s), provide emergency health care, or administer a euthanizing agent if the veterinarian determines that an animal cannot be saved.

Signed,

_____/_____/_____
Date

_____/_____/_____
Date

Witness:

_____/_____/_____
Date





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 _____

Please submit this form and your membership fee to:

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