

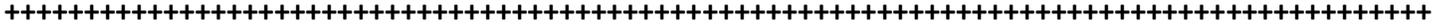


Florida Sport Horse Club Newsletter

June 2021

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Calendar of Club Rides and Events:

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

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- **Saturday, June 26, 8:30am:** Club ride at Marshall Hampton Reserve, Thornhill Road. Trail bosses Mike & Barbara Charron
- **Saturday, July 3, 8:30am:** Club ride at Gator Creek. Trail boss Del Jones
- **Saturday, July 10, 8:30am:** Club ride at the Hampton Tract, Rock Ridge Road. Trail boss Del Jones
- **Saturday, July 17, 8:30am:** Club ride at Lake Louisa. Trail boss Del Jones
- **Monday, July 19, 6:00pm-7:45pm:** Club dinner & meeting at Golden Corral, 4532 S. Florida Ave., Lakeland. Dinner at 6pm with meeting to follow at 7pm
- **Saturday, July 24, 8:30am:** Club ride at Colt Creek (Middle Lakes parking). Trail boss Del Jones
- **Saturday, July 31, 8:30am:** Club ride at Upper Hillsborough. Trail boss Del Jones
- **Saturday, August 7, 8:30am:** Club ride at Gator Creek. Trail boss Del Jones
- **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.

Those wanting to ride other days—please contact Karen Turbeville, or email club members directly. Many riders have been joining in on the various weekday rides. During the summer, Mondays and Fridays are often spent at Tenoroc where the ride can be easily divided in to a 1.5 hour ride or up to 3 hours. Tuesdays through Thursdays vary in location s with rides of about 2 to 2.5 hours max. The ride out time is 8am or 8:30am to beat the heat & summer rains. Come join us and get/keep your horse in shape for the fall riding season!

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, Lisa Loewenberg! Lisa has an Icelandic Pony, and actually flies regularly to Iceland to lead horseback tours.

Our first Dine-Around is scheduled for Tuesday July 6, 11:30am, at Catfish Country, 2400 EF Griffin Road, Bartow. RSVPs by **Thursday, July 1st** to Janet will ensure the restaurant has an area large enough for us. **ALSO—if you are willing to coordinate one of the monthly dine-arounds**, you would be more than welcome to do so! Just let your officers know.

Save the date of Saturday, August 7 at 5pm for our annual BBQ and membership gathering at the Lassiters'! As usual the club will provide the meats, iced tea and water; members are asked to bring a dish to share. Family and interested horse people are welcome....an e-Vite will be sent out a couple of weeks before the date as a reminder and to give us a better idea of how much food to prepare.

How about becoming an officer??? Elections will be held August 7 at our annual barbeque. You can submit your own name OR (with permission from your chosen "victim") another club member now to President Mike Charron.

Remember, too, that **August starts our new club year** and it is not too early to renew your membership. We already have a few long-time members who have renewed, and some of our newer members are already paid up through the 2021-2022 year.

The club-run **Veterans Day Scavenger Hunt at Colt Creek on Saturday, November 6** seems like a long way away, but it's really not! We need volunteers for 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 now so you can get your chosen job. We always have a great time!

Our camping coordinators want your input— Barbara Lassiter and Karen Turbeville are already planning for cooler weather and club camps. Black Horse Ranch has been suggested for October, as the facilities have been upgraded and trails are well marked. A special group rate is also available. Where would YOU like to camp? Options include the usual places, plus Tillis Hill, Phil's Farm, McCulley's, and Long Branch Rest & Ride. Please let Barbara and Karen know.

Riders this past Saturday saw that stakes have been placed showing where the **new bathroom and pavilion will be in the Colt Creek equestrian campground**, and it is NOT where it's supposed to be. It will block one entrance and sit directly over the water line. We owe Karen Turbeville thanks for pursuing this issue with park manager Scott Duncan, and hopefully getting it moved back to its original (and ideal) location out of the traffic/camping pattern.

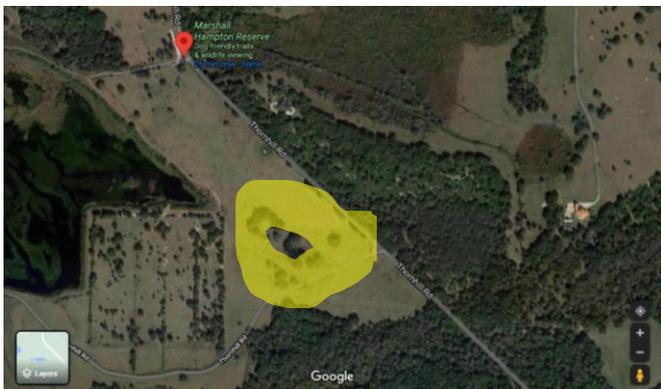
It looks like the **proposed expansion of SR 56** from Highway 301 over to US 98 has been dropped, which is a great thing. The new road, if built, would have chopped through Lower Green Swamp, the Alston Tract, and Upper Hillsborough.

Are you happy with the South Lakeland Golden Corral for our meetings? While it seems to have worked well for most members, we are always open to suggestions. Audrey Booth has suggested that we could meet at each others' homes; her barn is offered. Please let Mike know what you think.

We have a new shirt coordinator! Thank you, AnnMarie Connor, for volunteering. If you're interested in getting a club shirt please email her at nascaramc@yahoo.com.

Mike Charron and Janet Schneider met with Gaye Sharpe’s staff (Tabitha, Brooke, and Brian) on June 23rd for a very informational discussion. We learned first that we REALLY need to appreciate their work—did you know that some of the lands they oversee don’t even belong to Polk County? Some belong to the state or some other entity, which means that Gaye’s office can’t make any changes or improvements without delicate negotiations. You can imagine the challenges and frustrations...

We were also told that—contrary to news reports—the **proposed Polk Parkway extension** that will cut through the **Marshall Hampton Reserve IS** going forward. Land acquisition is underway at the moment, with construction POSSIBLY beginning within 2 years. The state is responsible for creating the new entrance (south of the current entrance, highlighted in yellow) before any other work is done. Equestrians and hikers will each have their own parking areas, with access to the trails that don’t cross—so we won’t have to worry about dogs walking through the horse trailers.

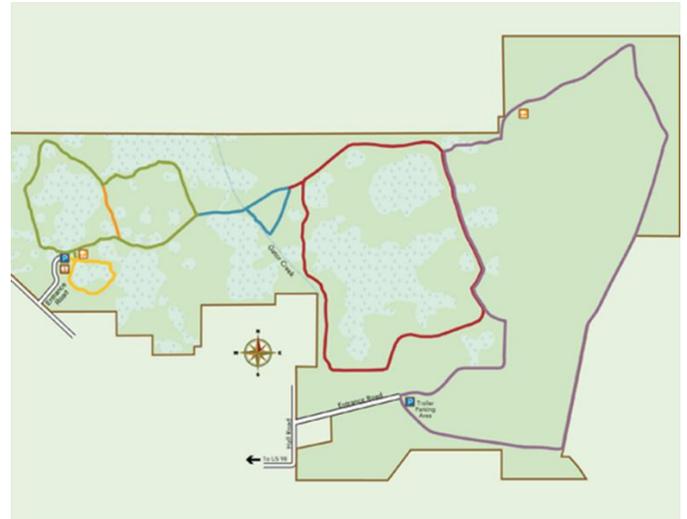


We may lose the eastern part of **Osprey Loop** due to the road construction; it’s hoped that the **Acorn Loop** trail will be saved.

Please note that while the **Panther Point** trail is opened all the way to US 98 for hikers and bikers, equestrians must stop at the gate at the 5 mile mark. This is because the land beyond the gate belongs to SWFWMD and FDOT, and they will not allow horses on the berms.

We asked permission to access the red **Gator Creek** trails (the equestrian trail is in purple), and this has been regrettably denied. The red trail is very wet for much of the year, and

park staff want the trail to “rest” to recover from usage without suffering hoof prints.



Gator Creek trails

The 2022 “**Water, Wings and Wild Things**” for Polk County second graders has been set for Thursday, January 20, and the club’s participation has been requested. This is a “meet and greet” with a few horses that the kids can pet, and some horse “stuff” (saddles, grooming equipment, tack, etc.) for the kids to see.

A new property is currently under development for multi-use, including horses. **Crooked Lake West** is on US 27, 6 miles south of US 60. It will have 9 miles of trails; the first bit will be in full sun, but then go into a beautiful oak hammock and then through pine flatwoods. There will be cows on the property at least at the beginning; opening to the public is hoped to happen in 6 to 12 months. It’s hoped that the property will eventually link to the FWC’s Crooked Lake WMA, adding several miles to the trails. Our club has been offered an exclusive tour of the property when cooler weather arrives.



Crooked Lake West

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 must sign a hold harmless that the trail bosses will provide. Please escort the guests to the trail boss of the day!**



Tips & Activities by Members:



Jane Gavin has decided she needs to find a new home for her 13-year-old Percheron mare. If you're interested in an 18-hand beauty, please call Jane at 863-604-3445.

Cheryl Kreitman has had her surgery and is healing.

Linda Allison sent a lovely thank you note to the club for its help in repairing her damaged home.

Congratulations to **Sammie Turbeville** for his new horse!

Karen Turbeville recommends "Jim the Feed Guy Discussion Group" on Facebook for those interested in better ways to feed their horses. [\(4\) Jim the Feed Guy Discussion Group | Facebook](#)

Janet Schneider is mostly recovered from her surgery, which is a good thing since her husband just broke his arm and needs 2 surgeries—first for his arm on the 29th, and a second for a different issue in early July.



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!



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: _____

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 _____

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