

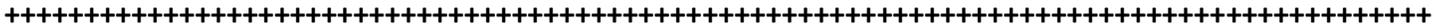


Florida Sport Horse Club Newsletter

August 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, August 14, 8:30am:** Club ride at the Hampton Tract. Del Jones, trail boss
- **Tuesday, August 17, 11:30am:** Club dine-around at Best of British, Davenport
- **Saturday, August 21, 8:30am:** Club ride at Lower Green Swamp. Del Jones, trail boss
- **Saturday, August 28, 8:30am:** Club ride at Colt Creek—park at the equestrian campground expansion. Del Jones, trail boss
- **Saturday, September 4, 8:30am:** Club ride at Marshall Hampton. Mike Charron, trail boss
- **Tuesday, September 7, 11:30am:** Club dine-around at Ford’s Garage, 879 Lakeland Park Center, Lakeland
- **Saturday, September 11, 8:30am:** Club ride at Tenoroc. Del Jones, trail boss
- **Saturday, September 18, 8:30am:** Club ride at Colt Creek—park at the equestrian campground expansion. Del Jones, trail boss
- **Monday, September 20, 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, September 25, 8:30am:** Club ride at Lake Louisa State Park (use the Lake Nellie entrance). Del Jones, trail boss
- **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 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



Thanks SO much to Barbara and Steve Lassiter for hosting our **annual barbeque and membership meeting!** Steve, we'll come any time for your mad skills on the grill...

We were privileged to present **special contribution awards to Barbara & Steve Lassiter**—they have always been among the first to volunteer for camping, work parties, grilling & hosting club parties. Barbara has also served as Secretary & Trail Boss.



Donna Fellers also received a special contribution award. She's one of the founding members of the club & has served as one of the best good-will ambassadors we could ever have. She has contributed many, many door prizes, decorated most of our celebration tables, brought us area maps and promotional materials, and quizzed us on



esoteric matters like Florida State Park facts. Our club would not be the same without her.

Janet Schneider also received a special gift for her work as Secretary. She maintains the club's web page & (with a lot of help from Karen Turbeville) Facebook page. She does the monthly newsletter & minutes, maintains the membership list, & sends out the email notifications. And she loves to organize events!



The next **dine-around** will be Tuesday, August 17, 11:30am at Best of British Café, 150 California Blvd, Davenport. RSVPs by **Thursday, August 12th** to Janet will ensure the restaurant has an area large enough for us.

The **September dine-around** will be Tuesday, September 7 at 11:30 at Ford's Garage, 879 Lakeland Park Center, Lakeland. Please RSVP Janet by noon Friday, September 3rd.

Your NEW club officers...look exactly like last year's! They were all unanimously re-elected. Your "new" officers are:

President: Mike Charron
Trail Boss: Del Jones
Treasurer: Susan Buchanon
Secretary: Janet Schneider

About half the membership has already **renewed** for the next club year, which starts every August. We hope you'll renew too if you haven't already—the membership form is at the end of the newsletter.

Members have identified a sign that the club will offer to buy for the **Marshall Hampton Panther Point trail**. While horses must still stop at the 5-mile mark (SWFWMD and FDOT don't want horses beyond that point), you may see a lot more bicyclists on that end of the trail—and they may not know to slow down or yield to horses. We hope that educating the bicyclists will help keep us all safe.



Meeting change in October: We've noticed that many people have challenges making the Monday night meetings but were able to make the meetings when we had them after a Saturday ride. So come October when the weather is a bit cooler, we're going to try moving the meetings back to a Saturday. Stay tuned for more details.

While COVID cut into the usual community activities in which the club participates, we still accomplished quite a bit in the 2020-2021 year. Our **annual end-of-the-year report** is on page 4 for your reading pleasure.

Del Jones is working to put a “**Fun Day**” together for us—barrels, pole bending, etc. It sounds like fun!

Please send healing thoughts to former member **Jerre Wilson**, who was a very active member and served for a few years as trail boss. He had a water skiing accident several months ago and broke his leg; we’ve learned that his leg will be amputated August 11.

The **Alafia River South Corridor** (what we call Old Welcome) is no longer accessible via the Old Welcome Road entrance. The new entrance is just north of Jameson off Hwy 39; the revised trail map is on our web site at <https://floridasporthorseclub.com/trail-maps/>.

Plans for the **November 6 Colt Creek Scavenger hunt** are going well. Sammie Turbeville and Aubrey Haynie will be our grill smiths for the day. Rather than buying bottled water, Janet has located reusable drink pouches which the riders will have in their prize bags. We’ll have filled water coolers from which everyone can fill their pouches. It’s ecologically conscious and there will be far less trash to haul away.

There will be a **special raffle** at the Scavenger Hunt, as well! Those who show their Friends of Colt Creek membership cards will be entered into the raffle; first prize is a \$100 shopping spree at the north Lakeland J&J Tack Shack, with second prize being a handmade quilt. Those with membership cards also get 1 free entry into Colt Creek each month, so the \$30 charge actually saves money if you visit the park often. Go to <https://friendsofcoltcreek.org/Join-the-Friends> to join. You may also join the day of the event, but you’ll need to bring cash or a check.

Do you follow our Facebook page or web page? All our events, news, and tips are listed there. You can even review our club!

Want a club shirt? Email AnnMarie Connor at nascaramc@yahoo.com.

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:



Barbara Lassiter and Janet Schneider have already signed up to ride the Diamond Tour in Iceland starting next July 11. Interested? There’s room for more...check out <https://ridingiceland.is/diamond-circle/>. You can contact Lisa Loewenberg, club member and U.S. representative, at 561-214-0371 as well. She’s willing to do a Zoom meeting if there are a number of interested people.

Congratulations to **Cheryl Kreitman**, who just retired!

Cathy Botts was very pleased with Ocala equine dentist Eddie and will be having him back next year about this same time. She's already looking for another 6-8 horses whose owners want Eddie for their animals.



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 2020-2021 Year-End Report

COVID-19 limited virtually all work parties and community activities; the club's usual monthly meetings were moved first to virtual via teleconference, and later to open-air meetings after a Saturday ride. Rides were conducted, rain or shine, every Saturday and were well attended with frequent guests. Members are commended for their active participation and continual connection with each other during a very difficult time.

The club began the year with 54 memberships and ended with 59. We welcomed:

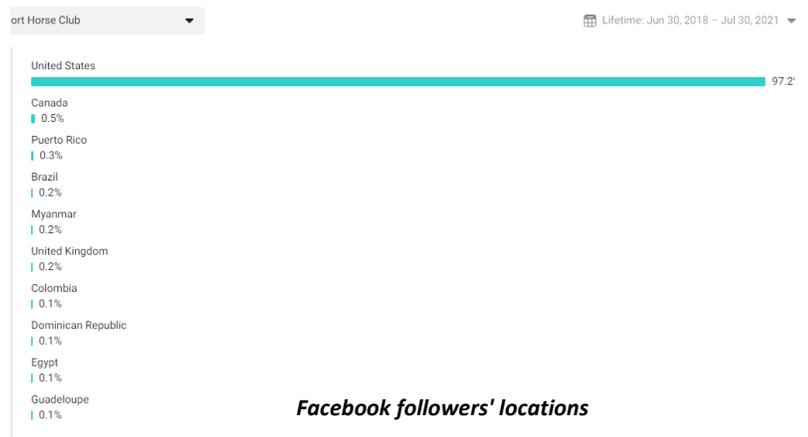
- Robin Berning
- Paolo Pecora
- Cheryl & Jeff Kreitman
- Jessica Nodzak
- Kim & Craig Redmiles
- Ann Marie Connor
- Sarah Miklavcic
- Elaine Summerhill
- Sharon & Dennis Fields
- Lisa & Mark Loewenberg
- June & Scott Jansen

Community Activities/Work Parties:

- 🐾 Worked with the Friends of Colt Creek to identify a pavilion kit as well as the placement for the pavilion in the equestrian campground (Karen Turbeville)
- 🐾 Donated funds to purchase the Friends of Colt Creek pavilion (Club and individual members)
- 🐾 Held a "bon voyage" thank you party for Colt Creek photographer David White, and presented him with a club award
- 🐾 Trimmed trees in the Marshall Hampton equestrian parking, and pressure washed/repainted the picnic table
- 🐾 Spoke out to FWC regarding the first-time Thanksgiving hunt at the Hampton Tract, blocking horse people from a weekend traditionally reserved for them (Karen Turbeville)
- 🐾 Worked with Polk County's public television branch "PGTV" to showcase Tenoroc Public Use Area; the video, with 15 club riders, is on the web at <https://youtu.be/gLst3x38Syw>
- 🐾 Featured on Channel 13's Good Day Tampa Bay "Great Rides" segment ([Great Rides: Horses of Florida Sport Horse Club \(fox13news.com\)](http://fox13news.com))
- 🐾 Met with Polk Parks staff to offer any assistance on riding areas, work parties, publicity, future events, etc.

Other Activities:

- 🐾 Began in-person monthly meetings again
- 🐾 Increased Facebook followers to 1,132 on July 31, from 830 on July 31, 2020 and 513 on July 30, 2019
- 🐾 Held 2 cow sorting clinics at JM Farms, Plant City
- 🐾 Reinstated the monthly club dine-arounds





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

Please submit this form and your membership fee to:

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**The newsletter is sent electronically and is posted on the club's web page each month. If you do not have access to email or Internet, please contact the Club Secretary so it can be snail-mailed to you.