

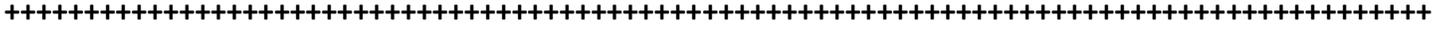


Florida Sport Horse Club Newsletter

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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, March 26, 9am:** Club ride at Alafia River Corridor Nature Preserve, 12098 S. County Road 39 Lithia (NOTE: This used to be the Old Welcome ride, but the entrance has changed)
- **Saturday, April 2, 9am:** Club ride at Catfish Creek
- **Saturday, April 2, 8am-1pm:** Horses @ Tenoroc’s Fishing Derby
- **Saturday, April 9, 9am:** Club ride at Lower Green Swamp
- **Saturday, April 16, 9am:** Club ride, potluck & meeting at Colt Creek (equestrian pavilion)
- **Saturday, April 23, 9am:** Club ride at Lake Louisa
- **Saturday, April 30, 9am:** Club ride at Tenoroc

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.

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 member! Michele Armstrong is a Canadian who winters in Florida. She says that when she returns in the fall she'll bring one of her horses so she can join the club rides.

We have our volunteers for Tenoroc's **27th Annual Youth Fishing Derby** on Saturday, April 2 from 8am to 1pm. Melody Cazort and Marianne Moselle will bring horses for the kids to pet, and Cathy Botts, Donna Fellers, Karen Turbeville and Janet Schneider will staff the "horse stuff" table. We'll be under a tree, and a water trough will be provided. If you want to help, you'd be welcome! Please let Janet know.



Thanks to all who were able to come to **The Friends of Colt Creek's annual public meeting** on Sunday, March 20. There were more horse people than any other user group! Our very own Robin Berning has applied to be the equestrian representative on the Board; she will do an admirable job.



Many of our riding areas have water spigots, but the hoses are often missing or weren't there to start with. Mike Charron proposed that the **club buy short hoses** (length to be determined) that will be long enough to bath a horse but short enough to be useless to any thief. A locking nut would also make theft more challenging. The club members voted to approve the project not to exceed \$200. Mike is in charge of the project.

Please consider ways to invite others to join us. Suggestions offered at the meeting included leaving club business cards at feed stores and other equine businesses (see Janet to get your supply of cards), publishing ads in "Horse & Pony," which would allow the club to also submit articles (Janet will solicit cost), and investigate placing ads or articles in "Ag News." What ideas do you have to help grow our ranks?

Have you noticed how our potluck tables are always nicely decorated? Whenever there is an event, Donna Fellers and Cathy Botts are always there to make things prettier. Thanks!



The **Colt Creek Moonlit ride** was a great success! We had 8 riders from the club. Karen Turbeville counted everyone to ensure we returned with the same number as when we started. You can see all the pictures on the Friends of Colt Creek Facebook page.

You can now sign in at Lower Green Swamp with your smart phone! There is a QR code on the sign you'll see posted on the gate as you leave the trailhead. Use your camera to take a picture of the code, then open the link that pops up. Select Lower Green Swamp from the list of Hillsborough County parks and fill in your information. It's quick and easy, and will help to justify a larger parking area by giving staff the statistics of just how many horse people use the Preserve.

Would you like to organize and coordinate the **Veterans Day Scavenger Hunt** at Colt Creek on Saturday, November 12? A planning timeline is attached at the end of the newsletter. Ideas for the hunt so far include repeating the Kilroys of 2021, laying out a message in code (letter by letter) using the military alphabet, or highlighting military medals of service like the Medal of Honor. Do you have other ideas, or want to take it over? Please let Janet know.

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? We now must have an order of 6 shirts or more to place it. 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:



Rae Gayer is dealing with a broken rib after trying to load a recalcitrant horse. The rope she was using broke, sending her back into a second horse who stepped on her chest after she fell.

Janet DelCastillo was interviewed by Ken Suarez recently about the fentanyl overdose of her friend and jockey a couple of years ago. See the news clip at <https://www.fox13news.com/news/florida-ag-issues-warning-after-overdoses-linked-to-fentanyl-laced-drugs>.

Janet Schneider thanks all those who offered sympathy and cards on the loss of her older horse. She has found a donkey as Dici's new companion.

June Jansen only has 70 days left until retirement! She and Scott have already found a new hobby: beekeeping!

Congratulations to **Sammie Turbeville** on his new saddle! We expect to see him and his very smart Butterscotch on the trails a lot.

AnnMarie Conner should only have 1 month left to wait for her new Arab baby to arrive!

"Classic Causeway" won the Tampa Bay Derby recently; if all goes well, we can root for him in the Kentucky Derby!



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. Follow us on Facebook and visit us online at <https://floridasporthorseclub.com/>. Happy Trails, where we hope to see you soon!

Colt Creek Scavenger Hunt Timeline

6 months out:

- Devise game
- Prepare & propose budget for Friends of Colt Creek Board

6 to 1 month out:

- Depending on the game, prepare props
- Identify and purchase prizes and supplies (FCCSP Board money)

3 months out:

- Begin advertising: Facebook, articles in Horse & Pony, Friends' web page
- Ask park manager to request swag from the Florida Park system

2 to 1 month out:

- Map out course; prepare participant handouts (map & instructions). Have alternative route in case the equestrian campground is flooded
- Line up volunteers—begin assigning duties

1 month out:

- Get swag from park
- Give hold harmless form, map & instructions to park volunteer to photocopy
- Request park volunteer to drive FSHC members around trail the Friday before the event AND the Monday after the event

1 week out:

- Stuff prize bags

- Get photocopies back from park
- Ensure park manager will block off equestrian campground expansion for event parking
- Request additional staff on the gate the day of the event, and extra garbage cans
- Get gate code from park manager so that club volunteers can get in early the day of the event

2-3 days out:

- Buy all food

1-2 days out:

- Set all trail markers out
- Set game pieces out on trail
- Get any extra tables/chairs from Friends' storage shed
- Get water coolers from park office

Day of the event:

- Arrive as early as possible to unload & set up
- Set up tables: Registration & prizes, Friends, Park, Club, Food, Condiments
- Ensure volunteers sign in & take up assignments

1-2 days after event:

- Take up and remove all signs from trails
- Turn in hold harmless forms to park office
- Return all leftover park swag to office



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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